

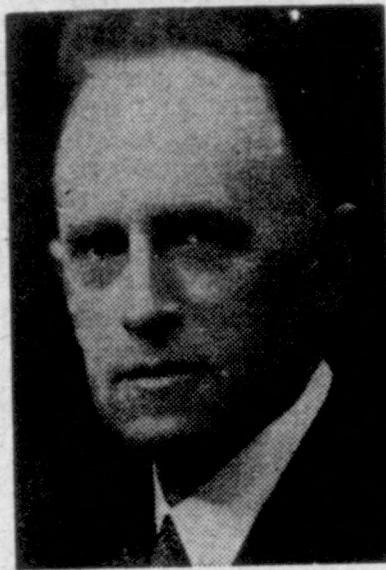
# The Baptist Record

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DR. WALTER R. ALEXANDER

## Which Way, America?

(Excerpts from Sermon Preached in First Baptist Church, Dallas)

Text: Luke 15:20, "And he arose, and came to his father."

A ragged, unkempt, dejected man, cold and hungry is tending swine on a barren hillside. . . . A man clad in soft clothing, his hunger appeased, and his heart warmed by sincere affection sits in the center of a circle of radiant cheer about a festive board. In amazement we ask, Is this the ragged swineherd? Truly, from poverty he has returned to plenty. Returned is the proper word to use, for the story that ends in the father's house began there. . . . He had no more then to make him happy than he had had at the beginning. He simply re-found what he had lost. A new experience had enabled him to evaluate anew the possessions he had once depreciated.

The prodigal son went away from the father's house into a "far country," then back to his father's house again. . . . For some years America has been a prodigal among the sons of God, headed for the "far country" far removed from the standards and ideals of our fathers and our fathers' God.

Has America come to herself, as yet? . . . I wish it were true. . . . How thought-provoking the cartoon by Pace, labeled "Where He Belongs." In a bare mission room kneels Uncle Sam at the mourners' bench, crying "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." The solitary motto on the wall reads: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Where he belongs, yes, but is he there? Are Uncle Sam's cheeks wet with tears of penitence today? Is America drifting farther away from God? Or is she on her way back? Which way, America?

### New Mission Field

Recently studying the map of the (Continued on Page Sixteen)

## Amazing Story of Baptist Growth in Gulf Coast Country

### Stewardship . . . Our Next Simultaneous Crusade?

F. V. McFatridge

The reports that have come in from our Statewide Evangelistic Crusade are, according to our State Mission Secretary, stimulating and gratifying indeed. The final report in the current issue of the Record contains such statements as: "Sixteen churches participating in our association"; "32 additions, 16 for baptism, 25 reconsecrations"; "12 additions, nine for baptism," and so on. My own two churches profited greatly, both numerically and spiritually. This was an extra effort, and we are planning for the regular summer revival with even greater diligence.

A letter from the Southwide stewardship chairman of the W. M. U., addressed to the pastors of the churches whose W. M. S. secured a mission offering from every resident woman member of the church, set me to thinking. I asked myself: What, more than anything else, would make your church the power that it ought to be in the community? What, more than any single thing would strengthen all its work, and provide dependable, consecrated, and efficient workers in every organization? What single thing would do more to call out a group of personal soul-winners in your church, and send them out as vibrant, joyous witnesses to the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ? What single achievement would do most to solve the financial problems of the local work, and enable your church to do its share in missionary work, Christian education, benevolence, and debt-paying? What one thing would do most to develop in your membership well-rounded, full-grown, confident, vibrant Christian manhood and womanhood? The answer to all of these questions was clear as a bell on an early spring morning: "A new and vital sense of the privileges, obligations, and significance of Christian stewardship."

In spite of all that has been said and written about it in recent years, stewardship is yet a neglected doctrine among us. Many of us have not progressed beyond the kindergarten stage in our thinking about it. To a good many people, stewardship means tithing, and nothing else. The tithing test is the acid test, and those who practice tithing from a sense of stewardship obligation quickly develop into full fledged stewards, usually. However, most of our teaching of this doctrine is confined to an

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### Articles On China Expected To Create Much Interest

A rare treat is in store for the readers of The Baptist Record. Some time ago Dr. T. W. Ayers, veteran missionary to China wrote a series of articles which were published in the Christian Index entitled, "China and Her People." The articles were widely read and created much interest. Dr. Ayers has given permission for these articles to be printed in The Baptist Record, and for the next few weeks Baptist Record readers will be taken on a personally conducted tour of China, via The Baptist Record. Surely none of our missionaries is more capable of writing about the Chinese people than Dr. Ayers. He is now retired because of age, but was formerly stationed at Hwanghsien, China. He was born at Ayersville, Georgia, and attended the Medical College of Physicians and Surgeons,

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### A TIMELY SUGGESTION

In a deacons' meeting in the First Baptist Church, Laurel, a deacon made the motion to recommend to the church that the regular offerings on the fourth Sunday in June be given to the Endowment of Blue Mountain College, and if the offerings do not amount to \$1,000, that enough be added from the current expense account to make the \$1,000; and if the offering exceeds that amount all of it will go for the Endowment.

We would like to be one of fifty churches to do just that. Some of us think now is the time for Baptists to look at the future of education in the light of the new world toward which we are moving. If Christian education is to be the order of that new age, now is the time to build the foundation for it. The kind of world we should have depends on who will build it. Surely we want a Christian world order; then we must have Christian leaders. As the old world is being destroyed, and we are fast becoming a woman's world, our leadership will come largely from our women and girls of tomorrow. Let us build the wall of protection against a Christless religion by endowing our Christian colleges now while money is plentiful.

Yours for Endowment,  
L. G. GATES, Pastor,  
First Baptist Church,  
Laurel, Mississippi.

### Great Changes in Country Along Gulf Coast In 20 Years

#### Statistician Is Surprised At Immensity of Territory And Rapid Development

#### SECTION ONCE DOMINATED BY FOREIGNERS, CATHOLICS NOW AMERICANS, BAPTISTS

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Information, Baptist Sunday  
School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

At the request of Dr. E. D. Solomon of the Florida Baptist Witness, I have recently made a brief survey of the amazing Gulf Coast country. My studies have, in fact, been only well begun, but I have discovered so many wonderful things that I must pause and set down some of them.

#### Immense Size of the Gulf Coast Country

First of all, I have been struck with the immense size of this particular section of our Southern Baptist territory. In fact, I have been forced to revise all my own conceptions about this section. This has been due, however, to the fact that my studies included all the district associations which bordered on the Gulf of Mexico. And, of course, this method of approach called for a study not only of the counties immediately bordering on the Gulf but in some cases the counties adjoining these. So that, when I finally got my bearings, I discovered the following facts:

Extent of the Gulf Coast, from Key West to the south of the Rio Grande river, 2,078 miles!

Baptist district associations embraced, 31.

States traversed, 5.

Counties included, 87.

Population (1940) of these 87 counties, 3,667,444.

Area of these 87 counties, 73,980 square miles.

That is to say, this Gulf Coast country is actually larger than either Missouri or Oklahoma, and but little

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To facilitate the handling and delivery of mail the post office has evoked a "unit" system. Under this system we ask all our friends when writing the Record or any agency in the Baptist headquarters to address their mail as follows: P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 105, Miss. Address as formerly except that the figure "105" is put in between "Jackson" and "Mississippi." "Jackson 105, Mississippi." Kindly observe this, please.

CIRCULATION THIS WEEK, 33,137 -- A Gain Of 33 For The Week

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## Sparks & Splinters

**W. E. Moore of Tennessee** has accepted the pastorate at Olive Branch.

**W. M. Bowman**, who has been pastor of churches in Walthall county has resigned to accept a commission as chaplain in the Army. He is now at Harvard University at the Chaplain's School. Writing about his decision Brother Bowmen says, "Surely no preacher loves home more than I do. However, the call is great and the armed forces are in urgent need of help."

**Editor Lewis A. Myers** of the Arkansas Baptist has been granted a leave of absence in order that he may offer his services as a chaplain in the army. He is now enrolled in the Chaplain's School at Harvard. The army gains and Arkansas Baptists lose. Under the leadership of Brother Myers, the Arkansas Baptist has greatly increased in circulation, and it is one of the most readable papers in the South.

**Crystal Springs church**, under the leadership of Joe T. Odle, plans to raise a \$5,000 building fund by October 1. It now has on hand \$1,000 of this amount. The money is to be used, if and when, for a much needed educational building.

**New Albany church** has agreed to contribute \$1,000 to the Blue Mountain Endowment. They also approved the recommendation of the deacons that the pastor's salary be raised \$50 a month, beginning July 1.

**Our Vacation Bible school** at Stonewall Baptist Church was conducted from May 23-28. Miss Camille Shirley of Louin, Miss., was the principal and the faculty was made up from the local church membership. During the week we enrolled 145 pupils and teachers and there was a daily average of 99 in attendance. Seventeen made profession of faith in Christ as their Saviour and all of them preferred membership in the Baptist church. We saw more tears shed by these young people for sin than we have seen shed in quite a while. Our offering for the week was \$28.43 and was given for Chinese relief. Each night during the week Miss Shirley taught a Sunday school study course book. The book used was "What Baptists Believe." Many of the members took the course and it was very helpful and profitable for us all.—Sollie I. Smith, pastor.

**Mrs. W. L. Culpepper** sends a list of subscribers from Liberty church, Lauderdale county, and informs us that Pastor W. L. Ezell has resigned. Alex McGrew of Livingston, Alabama, has been called as his successor.

**Pastor R. A. Morris** of Newton writes that he is feeling good again. Readers will remember that he was a semi-invalid for a few weeks not long ago. The editor of the Record preached for him one Sunday and he has shown improvement ever since. Another reason for his improved health is that they had a fine cash day the fifth Sunday in May, and their building fund totals now stand at \$11,300. They also had the best Vacation Bible school in the history of the church.

**Pastor C. E. Bullard** of Hammond First church and formerly of Gloster was the principal speaker at the Memorial Day service at Pine Grove church near Picayune on May 21.

A little Christian girl was explaining that she had obtained the victory over sin: "Before I turned my life over to Jesus the devil would often knock on the door of my heart. When I would go to see who it was, the devil would stick his foot in the door, and come on in. But NOW ... whenever a knock comes to the door of my heart I just send Jesus to the door. The devil sees Jesus and knows that Jesus has defeated him, and hastily makes his retreat saying, 'Oh, excuse me, I must have the wrong door.'"

The July-August-September number of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Quarterly is really a denominational number. Every member of every Baptist Brotherhood or Sisterhood should get this quarterly and read it. It will mean a greater appreciation of the Baptist denomination.

**Carl E. Talbert**, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and native of Mississippi, has led his church to adopt plans for a new church building when and if. The proposed building will cost approximately \$40,000.

**Pastor W. R. Haynie** of Gretna church, New Orleans, did the preaching and H. L. Haynie, choir director, of the Grant Park church, Atlanta, Georgia, led the singing in their recent meeting.

The many friends of Rev. J. S. Deal of Silver City will regret to learn that he has been ill for the past three months.

We recently received the Official Family list from Morgan Chapel in Oktibbeha county. This list was sent in by State Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes.

**Mrs. Fleet Parkman** recently sent us a nice list of names to be added to those already on our subscription list from Society Hill in Jeff Davis county.

A few days ago B. S. Hilbun, rural evangelist, sent us the EVERY FAMILY list from Vancleave church in Jackson Association.

A few days ago we received a nice list of subscriptions from Liberty church in Lauderdale county. These were sent in by Mrs. W. L. Culpepper.

**Wanted: The names of widows** of Baptist preachers in Mississippi who do not get The Baptist Record. Send names to Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi. (Editor's Note: Sometime ago we made this request and several wrote asking that we send the Record to some widow of a Baptist preacher. Please note that nothing is said about sending the Record. Our rate to widows is \$1.00 per year.)

Durant's newest and youngest deacon is J. C. Sproles, cashier of the People's Bank of Durant. He is the nephew of the late Dr. H. F. Sproles, one-time pastor of First church, Jackson. It was his grandfather, W. R. Sproles, who gave the lot on which the church building and parsonage now stand.—B. Frank Smith, pastor.

**Indianapolis, Ind. (RNS)**—Representatives of seven national agencies of the Disciples of Christ denomination have unanimously agreed to eliminate "interlocking directorates." This action, which provides that "in all future elections no boards should elect to its membership any person already serving on another board," will affect several church leaders affiliated with more than one denominational agency.

**East End Baptist Church:** Much progress has been made by this congregation under the leadership of Pastor W. L. Marsh and Mrs. Marsh. The building has recently been reconditioned and the church debt paid in full. They continue to move forward in serving the Master. A splendid example of Baptists who work, serve and give! The beautiful service flag of the church contains twenty-three blue stars. East End is located several blocks from M. S. C. W.—Fred Langley.

**H. G. West, Jr., of Ecru,** has been called as pastor of Zion church in Pontotoc county. He started off in high gear by organizing a B. T. U. with Mrs. Frank Golding and Miss Agnes Ray as Junior and Intermediate leaders.

While Pastor J. D. Walker was assisting Pastor J. E. Albritton in a revival at Fairfield-Highland church Bessemer, Alabama, Lavon Moore, Associate pastor at Grenada, supplied for him at Calhoun City on June 13.

**Miss Marie Barnes** of the Relief and Annuity Board of Dallas, Texas, was a visitor at Baptist headquarters last week. She was doing some routine checking of the relief and annuity affairs and reports that she found things in excellent shape.

Because of a conflict in date I was not able to attend the centennial celebration of the historic Cherry Creek church, where as a boy I attended Sunday school and preaching, and into whose fellowship I was baptized. I had been asked to prepare and give the history of the church, and nothing would have given me more joy. The history was ably and thoroughly prepared and given by Miss Birdie Lou Clark.—J. F. Carter.

We had one of the best meetings that we have experienced for a number of years. The spiritual currents ran deep and the power of the meeting continues. Dr. Glen Eric Wiley of Grenada preached for us. His labor among us was excellent in every way. He preaches with power the fundamental truths and doctrines of the Bible. A real and convincing presentation of our Baptist position and mission. Rev. E. C. Edwards of Shuqualak, Mississippi, directed the singing in a most pleasing manner and with a deep spiritual content. He is fine in his work with the boys and girls. Both of these brethren are very fine personal workers. We thank God for them. There were 17 additions to the church—nine of whom came for baptism. We appreciate the Record. You are furnishing us a fine paper.—J. D. Thompson.

"After purchasing \$4,000 worth of war bonds, the Acoma Indians of New Mexico wired the government asking that none of the money be used to buy liquor for the soldiers. So far as we know, these 'savages' lead the temperance procession in this field of activity."—The United Presbyterian.

**Stockholders of the Curtis Publishing Co.**, which publishes the Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal and other periodicals, recently voted on a proposal to admit liquor advertising to the pages of those papers. The vote was 80,804 in favor of liquor ads and 2,391,101 opposed to liquor ads.

**Lynchburg, Va.: Members of Dearington Christian (Disciples) Church** have voted unanimously to dissolve that church and organize in its place a Fundamental Baptist congregation.

**Dear Brother Goodrich:** I want to take this opportunity to express to you, representing Mississippi Baptists, for The Baptist Record. I anticipate each issue with anxiety, for thus I am kept posted on Baptist affairs at home and in the Southland. I rejoice with you on the forward strides our denomination is making toward paying our indebtedness. Within this immediate vicinity there are several Southern Baptist chaplains. These men are staying true to their convictions and are preaching the Gospel of Christ to many men. I am happy today because I am able to serve in the midst of suffering. I continue to enjoy the work here. As I visit the men, I am surprised to meet so many Mississippians. Regards to all the state workers.—Charlie A. Webb, Hospital Chaplain, Station Hospital, Fort Ord, California.

**Stockholm (By Wireless) (RNS)**—A number of clergymen in the Nazi-occupied Baltic states—Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania—are being sent to Germany to become indoctrinated in the principles of the "New Order," according to a report received here.

**Baltimore, Md. (RNS)**—Local church groups don't wait for the man in uniform to come in and ask questions about available recreation—they go out and tell him. Every night from eight o'clock to 2 a. m., Sunday morning, selected groups of church laymen patrol the "undesirable" sections of Baltimore and button-hole foot-loose service men. Each one gets an invitation to some form of worthwhile entertainment sponsored by a responsible local group.

**Chicago (RNS)**—A flood of letters to congressmen on the subject of a just and durable peace will be stimulated by the Methodist church next fall when it launches a "Crusade for a New World Order," directed by its Council of Bishops. (Baptists could do likewise.—Editor.)

**Mrs. Hubbard Berry**, Mt. Zion in Simpson county, writing in appreciation of a recent sermon by Dr. Zeno Wall, says, "Never was there a time when men and women could get as much from an hour spent with their neighbors in the House of God."

**Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office** included the following: Rev. R. W. Porter, Lambert; R. N. White, Star; Rev. N. A. Edmonds, Shubuta; Mrs. Owen Williams, Utica; Martha Williams, Utica; Rebecca Williams, Utica; Rev. C. S. Moulder, Hattiesburg.

**Pastor J. W. Sturdivant** writes from Merigold that he baptized three new converts last Sunday night. The Lord is still in the saving business.

**When Otho A. Eure left Calvary church**, Greenwood, for chaplains' school, the church presented him with a love gift of fifty dollars and a shower of personal gifts to Mrs. Eure.

**The First church, Florence, S. C.**, completed on May 28 a most glorious week in which Chester Swor, prominent youth worker of Clinton, Miss., was the speaker. Attendance upon all services was excellent, and the response of those attending to the stirring messages of Mr. Swor was most gratifying. The influence of this most gifted and consecrated young man will live long in the life of the church.—Eugenio Gasque, church secretary.

Give liberally through your church to the B. M. C. Endowment this month.

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## THE BAPTIST RECORD

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## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." 1 Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

I

We quote the following paragraph in a letter from the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, regarding ministers who enter the chaplaincy:

"In regard to the chaplains' continuing participation in the Ministers' Retirement Plan: the most recent general ruling as to the salary basis is that the chaplain may continue membership on the salary basis of the church which he left. He may pay either the member dues only and take a reduction in his annuity on account of unpaid church dues, or he may pay both the member and the church dues and receive maximum benefits. Several state boards have appropriated funds for taking care of the church contributions on behalf of the chaplains who are representing their states."

II

It is easy to talk about "the good old days." For instance, back in 1814 Baptists of the U. S. A. gave \$1200 plus to the causes of Christ. This was 3/4c per capita.

In 1938 Southern Baptists alone gave over \$5,000,000 to all causes of Christ. This was \$1.17 per capita.

God Almighty has His face to the dawn. It is too bad that so many of us are looking back all the time. God Almighty is looking to VICTORY! Are you?

III

Dr. E. J. Caswell, First Baptist Church, Greenwood, sends in a splendid report of their recent revival:

"The First Baptist Church of Greenwood is very grateful for the good awakening of spiritual interest which came to us in our evangelistic series running from May 2-12.

"Dr. W. A. Bell of the Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, brought deeply spiritual and greatly helpful messages to appreciative congregations. His morning series on our Lord's Model Prayer was a thing of divine interest and charm.

"Rev. Powell Lee of our local U. S. O. led the people in congregational singing and the special musical offerings were inspiring.

"There were twenty-seven additions and the membership was greatly revived and strengthened because of these special days. The Lord has been gracious to us, and we thank Him for the coming of Dr. Bell, one of His noblemen."

IV

How often prayer requests come! "My boy is in Memphis. He is lost. Pray for him." "My boy is in Arkansas and needs Christ. Pray." "My prodigal boy is here. Pray with me." "Three men stand in the way of my boy. I believe God will hear me. Help me in prayer."

V

Dr. Earl V. Pierce, Minneapolis, says: "Heathenism is vicious morally, socially, and religiously. The religion of India is deified lust, and her people are poisoned by it. The religion of Burma—Buddhism—is deified selfishness. The religion of China—Confu-

cianism—is deified ancestors. The religion of Japan—Shintoism—is deified state. The religion of Mohammedanism is deified flesh."

"In the beginning God." Gen. 1:1. "God is love." I John 3.

VI

We sat watching a youngster play an old piano. Even the young chap knew if a key stuck. If several keys stuck it was obvious to all. Did you ever see a "key church member" get "stuck"?

VII

### Prayer of the People

"God grant that we, Americans all, may gain the SIGHT to see this fair land of ours rise up in universal freedom."

Give us the FAITH . . . to stand unquestioning behind our chosen leaders, and give us KNOWLEDGE . . . a clear and ever-growing understanding of the goal for which we fight and sacrifice.

We ask PATIENCE to grumble not when tasks to us befall . . . the PATRIOTISM to proudly give a portion of our worldly goods that someone's son might live.

Bestow on us, your people, the COURAGE to firmly stand when those about us sway, tremble under fire of rumors and falter on the way.

Speed fast the day when we shall see our loved ones home again. Returning to their own, may they find peace and rest that soothes their horror-stricken minds and hearts. God, grant these prayers and we shall count for naught the things we've given up . . . the pain within our hearts . . . for there are those who have given so much more."

—M. L. P.

VIII

Mississippi Baptists might well stop leaning on crutches. How often you hear, "It depends upon so and so." No! No! IT DEPENDS UPON GOD! Let us lean hard on Him and "GO."

Do some Mississippi Baptists need to:

To take the brakes off?  
Quit dragging their feet?  
Stop fighting one another, and concentrate on sin and Satan?

Learn loyalty again?  
Get out of reverse gear?  
Do some Mississippi Baptists need to:

Leave useless criticism behind?  
Accept a forward program?  
Major on the Cooperative Program causes?

Do something about debt?  
Do something about Christian Education?

Accept God's financial plan of tithes and offerings?

Lose and loose selves in Evangelism? Get away from one revival a year? Engage in perennial evangelism? Promote associational evangelism?

WE DO NOT ASK TO MAKE PLANS FOR YOU, BUT ASK THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING INTO THE FIELD WITH YOU IN PROMOTING ALL CAUSES OF CHRIST!

IT CAN BE DONE!

### IX State Missions!

The word of God speaks with emphasis of those unfaithful at home: "But if any provide NOT FOR HIS OWN, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." I Tim. 5:8.

God, through Ezekiel, has a similar

word for His own: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore, hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me."

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel was a state missionary—read 3:4-6.

Nehemiah was a great state missionary!

Ezra was another state missionary! Jesus would have His own remember their own state! Read Acts 1:8.

MISSISSIPPI IS OUR "JUDEA"—LET US BE FAITHFUL!

X

Men speak of many ways to be saved. God speaks of one way. Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Read John, chapter 10.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

If you ask of five people the way of salvation, you will likely get five different answers. Four of these answers are wrong. All may be wrong. All are wrong unless one way is God's way.

Mississippi Baptists! Opportunities are passing with the days. What are we going to do about winning lost people for Christ? Are we thinking of self? Are we thinking of OTHERS?

"OTHERS, LORD! YES, OTHERS!  
LET THIS MY MOTTO BE;  
HELP ME TO LIVE FOR OTHERS.  
THAT I MAY LIVE LIKE THEE!"

XI

Vacation time! All of us enjoy this season. This too, is an opportunity to speak to others about Jesus. Often on vacations we meet and make new friends. In conversation and fellowship we find out if they are Christians. Wherever we go, whatever we do, the opportunity for Christian service is within our reach.

XII

### Evangelism in the Home

"There are three words that sweetly blend,  
That on every heart are graven;  
A precious, soothing balm they lend—  
They're Mother, Home and Heaven."

The word "home" touches the harp of the heart, and sets the chords of deepest sentiment to vibrating. In it we hear again the melody of mother's song and the unrestrained laughter of rollicking childhood. It makes one feel again the warm kisses and tender touches of parental protection. Home is father's kingdom, mother's world, and the children's paradise.

But recently someone said, "The modern home is on the decay." May God forbid! When home decays everything else decays. God's people need to study prayerfully the question of modern trends in home life, with especial attention to the question of how to use the home for winning the next generation to Christ."

—R. Q. Leavell.

XIII

Many calls have come for the SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER COVENANT. Yet, we have many churches who have not responded to the call.

### A DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE

John F. Carter

It was my privilege for six weeks (April 19 to May 28) to teach Bible in the special spring term at Blue Mountain College. The fellowship with the Blue Mountain force and my contact with my two classes were refreshing and stimulating. Blue Mountain was my home during my high school days. During the first year of J. E. Brown's Mississippi Heights Academy (and he and the "Heights" are still going strong), Lawrence Lowrey and his brother Perrin were my fellow students under Prof. Brown, as were John (J. H.) Buchanan and Oscar (W. O. Beatty), also the lamented Sam (S. C.) Beatty and Ellis (M. E.) Moffit and many others who have made lasting contributions to the welfare of our state and country. Lawrence and Perrin were janitors for the church, a one-room frame building that stood just in front of the present magnificent college administration building; and I do not remember to have heard anyone suggest that the floor needed sweeping, or the benches needed dusting, or the lamp chimneys needed polishing, or that the fires were not started early enough. I maintain that in a place where there were so many lady teachers that was some job. But "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

Blue Mountain is a great institution. The campus is beautiful. The spirit is uplifting. I went into one of Dr. Tyler's classes to learn how he teaches. I learned that he is a great teacher. I was inspired each week by the Wednesday evening prayer services at the church, attended by so many of the college students and members of the faculty and led by Dr. Tyler. The spirit which I had known on the campus in years gone was much in evidence—the spirit and ideals of Dr. B. G. Lowrey and Dr. W. T. Lowrey, of Mother Berry (only in those days she was just Mrs. Berry) and her saintly husband, Dr. W. E. Berry (who as an older preacher was a true friend to the young preachers), of Mr. T. C. Lowrey and Mr. Booth Lowrey. This institution is more than worthy of all that our denomination has set out to do for it—I believe it ought to be so endowed that it can afford to reduce its charges, so that Baptist education will be the privilege of the poorer as well as of the more prosperous. Mississippi Baptists ought to make provision that more of their young women may be brought under the inspiring and uplifting influence of Blue Mountain College.

BR

Augusta, Me. (RNS)—Church, fraternal, charitable and similar organizations and state agricultural fairs will be allowed to conduct beano games after July 9 under a new state law. Rules intended to eliminate "racketeering" in the games have been announced by State Police Chief Henry P. Weaver with the approval of Attorney General Frank I. Cowan. In contrast to the Maine action, a bill outlawing the game of beano in Massachusetts was recently approved by the legislature of that state.

We have these Covenants on hand if you have need of them.

Through consecrated effort and prayer Mississippi Baptists will go forward for Christ.

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### FATHER

Recently we tried to express as best we could some sentiments about mothers. As next Sunday is known as Father's Day, it is just as appropriate that fathers be given a word of recognition.

We can only write of one father—our own—for he was the only father we ever had! And how we do wish that he were still alive to read these words of a grateful son.

Like 95 out of every one hundred boys, we thought his ideas on many things were out of date. To our way of thinking (then) we thought we could teach him much. His ideas about amusements and industry and religion were much too straight-laced, we THOUGHT. But now that the years have brought to us experience and a broader vision we are glad he was just as he was. We are glad we took some of his advice willingly, and some because we had to, and only wish we had taken all of it. We do know that we have never shed a tear over any of our father's leadership, but have shed many for our failure to listen to his advice.

And the saddest part of it is that he has already gone on to glory and cannot read these words.

To those so fortunate as to have a living father, be certain in some way to let him know that you do love him. Even though you do not understand all his ways and ideas, accept them, for the day will come when you will be glad you did.

We would not subtract one iota from mothers' glory, for this world would be a sadder and a poorer place without their influence, help and training. But it is hard, almost impossible, to lead sons toward God while fathers are going to the devil. In our many years as a pastor we recall but few, very few, boys who became consecrated Christians with the handicap of an ungodly father. We do remember many instances of boys

following dad, some toward God and some to the devil.

Don't forget that while mother is watching over the brood and making a home that father is out yonder making a living for that brood.

A father should help develop the natural talents of his sons. He should be patient and sympathetic. Remember that childish hands and brains are not as mature as father's. Sympathetic understanding and comradeship is much better than money alone. Give a boy money to burn, and he will usually be ruined as he burns it. And the flame will scorch many others as the fire spreads.

Fathers, today you are training those who either rule or ruin our world of tomorrow. Those who will lead us on to gore or glory are your sons of today. The lives you live now will be reproduced in the lives of your sons when they become men.

As some unknown writers has penned:

Only a dad with a tired face,  
Coming home from the daily race,  
Bringing little of gold or fame  
To show how well he has played the game;  
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice  
To see him come home and hear his voice.

Only a dad, but he gives his all  
To smooth the way of his children small;  
Doing with courage stern and grim  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line that for him I pen:  
Only a dad, but the best of them.

### THE PASTOR'S SHARE

Read the article reproduced below from the Alabama Baptist and then go back and read the editorial in last week's Baptist Record entitled, "Pastors Deserve Fair Treatment." And then be doers and not hearers only.

There are actually hundreds of Baptist churches in Alabama which have already paid entirely out of debt or are planning to do so in the future. There are thousands of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention which have done, or are planning to do, the same thing. Meantime very many of these churches which have paid off their debts have not raised their pastors' salaries since the middle of the depression in 1933. Where and when this is true, though the churches may not recognize it, it means that the churches are letting their pastors pay too large a part of the debt, since the cost of living for them has gone up precisely as it has for other people, whereas industry is prospering, the produce of the field selling for higher prices and labor of all kinds going up. Certainly the pastors of the churches should be remembered along with others.

### CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS IN THE WORLD'S GREATEST BUSINESS

In last week's Baptist Record we stated some reasons why Christians should be active partners in the

world's greatest business. People who engage in this business should want to succeed. No one wants to fail. And success as a soul-winner means not only success now, but success forever. Just as a pebble tossed in a lake makes a ripple that finally reaches the farthest shore, so a soul-winner's influence continues on through others to the very last generation.

A soul-winner must have a holy enthusiasm for souls. The usual term and a good one is, "On fire for souls." Certainly we should be as enthusiastic over the spiritually lost as we are over the physically lost.

Just yesterday the papers told of an all-night search by an entire neighborhood for a lost child. The same enthusiasm on the part of Christians would "find" many lost sinners.

While those same people were searching for the son of a neighbor there were probably many lost sons in nearby night clubs and hot spots. Many of these sons had not even been invited to become Christians.

A neighbor's house on fire is all the cause we need to risk life and limb in saving all we can. But those same neighbors can live for years in danger of hell without a whimper from many church members.

Successful soul-winning requires a spirit of concern for the lost. We must really believe that unsaved people are lost eternally lost. God's word is definite. It permits no compromise. "He that believeth not is condemned already." John 3:18. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment." Matt. 25:46. The sad truth is that many Christians do not believe that. At least, their actions do not so indicate. Certainly we would rush to the rescue of anyone, neighbor or stranger, if their lives were in danger. But many Christians seem never to give a thought to those about them whose souls are in far greater danger.

To win lost folks we must love them. The language of love is a universal language. And countless are the number sunk far in sickening sin, hardened to every ordinary appeal, who have melted under the softening influence of love.

We are not commanded to love the sin, the sordidness, or the meanness of sinners, but their SOULS. The Master did not love the sins of the Samaritan woman, but her soul. Gold is mixed with dirt. It is not the dirt that the miners love, but the gold therein. It is not the sin of the sinner that we are to love, but the soul in the sinner.

Sin and soul-winning will not mix. The successful soul-winner must lead a separated life. To indulge in worldliness, even though borderline living will steel the heart of the lost against any appeal.

We must live so that the people will

"know that we have been with Jesus." To live with the devil's crowd all week and expect to lead sinners to Christ on Sunday is expecting the impossible.

Successful soul-winning is a part of the world's greatest business and pays great rewards. Every Christian should share in this business.

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### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### PATRIOTISM DOES AND DOES NOT DEMAND SILENCE

It is often said that patriotism demands that one not criticise the government in war time lest the war effort be hindered. But this matter has two angles. If by speaking one gives away military secrets and thus gives aid to the enemy and thereby hinders the war effort, then patriotism demands that he keep silent.

But patriotism does not demand that the government not be criticised when it is lax along moral lines. The government's attitude toward the liquor traffic, prolific in breeding immorality and crime, the silly purchase of dice by military authorities "for the morale (?) of soldiers, the governmental insistence upon plenty of liquor at the International Food Conference and so on are matters which should be criticised until the criticism burns.

As the President drew out the first draft capsule, he said over the radio that the young men must come back from the service "clean and decent and free and strong." The acts of the government are often highly inconsistent with this high ideal.

The editor and Mrs. Taylor have a son in the service. Another is scheduled to enter the service at an early date. These are the only children we have. We pay our taxes cheerfully. We are buying war bonds. Let no one impugn our patriotism. But patriotism does not demand silence on moral issues.—Baptist and Reflector.

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### Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR  
By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A Christian is one who believes in, and relies upon, the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour or Redeemer. Christian Education is an education that is built upon the principles taught by the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus advanced in wisdom, proper application of knowledge, in statue, physical development, in favor with God, spiritual development, and in favor with man, moral development.

Then Christian Education is the development of the whole man: Physical development, that the individual may be properly related to the physical universe, perform the duties of life; intellectual development, that the individual may be properly re-

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lated to the problems of life, solve the problems of life instead of being dissolved by these problems; the development of the moral that the individual may be properly related to his fellowman; the development of the spiritual, that the individual may be properly related to God. Believe in God, honor God, serve God.

No man is properly educated until he is properly related to the physical universe, properly related to the problems of life, properly related to his fellowman, and properly related to God. The American people are drifting rapidly, from the true ideal of education. They are stressing the development of physical and mental to the detriment of the moral and spiritual. In some American schools the physical training overshadows the mental, to say nothing of the moral and spiritual neglect. If the dictators of Germany, Italy and Japan had been properly educated the world would not be in war today.

Germany, according to history, has been slipping away from the true ideals of education for more than a century. Germany is drifting further and further from God year by year. Many of the American people have followed her. Italy has never considered, quietly and soberly, the ideals of true unadulterated education. Japan has been guided, almost exclusively, by the principles of paganism; while Germany and Italy both professed to be Christian and should be guided by the true principles of Christian Education. The only thing that will ever stabilize the world, in which we live, and bring its nations into a brotherhood of fellowship and peace, is a pure, unadulterated Christian Education. America, possibly the most civilized nation in the world today, should take the lead, and demonstrate to the world the true value of Christian Education, and make it the basis of all education. All nations properly related to the physical universe, properly related to the problems of life, all nations properly related to mankind and all nations properly related to the God of heaven and of earth.

There are no people in America better fitted or prepared for this task than Southern Baptists. Yet, Southern Baptists are drifting, one by one, away from the highest ideals of Christian Education. Upon the basis of the value of a dollar, Southern Baptists are sending their young men and women to tax supported schools, and thereby fail to give them the most valuable asset in education, proper relation to mankind and proper relation to God.

If the officers and citizens of America were properly related to mankind and properly related to God we would have no highway traffic problems, no alcoholic drunken problems, no gambling problems, no problems of immorality and would be relieved from many problems of physical disease. America, as well as the rest of the world, needs true unadulterated Christian Education from the White House in Washington, D. C., to the most humble hut in the rural districts.

Oh, that our President, our senators, our congressmen and other officials of our nation had the blessing

## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB  
A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

HONESTY • LOYALTY • VICTORY

I

We have already taken up \$116,000 of our bonds on the \$127,500 call.

We are waiting for the others to come in!

We paid off \$110,000 of these bonds before going to the bank for a loan. We borrowed only \$25,000 and it seems that will be sufficient for this time.

**Mississippi Baptists!** You have helped save over \$80,000 interest charges on this one call. You helped us put over the call very easily. Thank you! May God continue to bless you!

Now, we have \$156,500 bonds outstanding. If we called them in December we would save \$132,405 additional interest charges. We may do something about it, if we start in earnest NOW! It can be done!

II

Pray! Pray! Pray!

Pray that our Heavenly Father will bless in LARGE measure the boys and girls who have received training in the institutions for whom Mississippi Baptists dared go in debt!

Pray that these institutions shall continue Christian and Spiritual forces at home and around the world!

Pray that faculty members, trustees, students, and patrons may have an ever larger part in winning this world to Christ!

Pray that ALL Mississippi Baptists may so respond in this debt-paying campaign that we WILL BE OUT OF DEBT SOON!

Pray that we may be ready for a great soul winning, missionary, Christian education and benevolences advance when that debtless day comes, as it will come!

Pray that all this and more may be done in love, and, for Christ's sake!

III

We have a check for the Now Club and other causes from Chaplain Unger who is seeing service with the armed forces within our state at the present time.

This is a gracious spirit manifested by him. Thank you, Chaplain Unger!

—BR—

Charles Dickens said: "The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world."

—BR—

Give liberally through your church to the B. M. C. Endowment this month.

of a genuine Christian Education.

Southern Baptists and all others who claim God as their heavenly Father, stop, think, study your Bibles, commune with a loving "heavenly Father," properly relate yourselves to the "physical universe," properly relate yourselves to the problems of life, properly relate yourselves to mankind, properly relate yourselves to Almighty God and lead your children into these relationships and thereby become, for time and eternity, a rich blessing to the world, an honor to the Lord Jesus Christ and glorify the living God. "In His name."—J. R. G. Hewlett.

### MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

July

28—Janie Nooner Sullivan (Mrs. P. D.) Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

28—Dr. M. T. Rankin, 3440 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

29—Kathleen Manley, 889 Monroe, Memphis, Tennessee.

30—Rev. Frank P. Lide, Hwanghsien, Shantung, China.

31—Crystal Armstrong Enete (Mrs. W. W.) Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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### QUOTING DR. PORTER M. BAILES

Dr. Porter M. Bailes, eloquent and consecrated pastor of the great First Baptist church of Tyler, Texas; President of the Baptist State Convention Executive Board of Texas; author of several most excellent books of spiritually passionate evangelistic sermons, writes as follows in his book "Revival Sermons" published by the Broadman Press:

1.—WORTHWHILE

"Jesus Christ is no luxury but a vital and fundamental necessity. He is to the soul what bread is to the gnawing stomach; water to parched lips; the way to a lost man; truth to the ignorant; light to the blind, and a door of opportunity to the despairing. Christ is not excess baggage as some seem to think, but he is as necessary to high and holy living as air is to breathing lungs."

If preaching the gospel is worth while, if the work and the services of the church are not worth while, if its program of missions is not worth while, if giving God's Cause is not worth while, there is nothing in this world that we can give our thought, our time, our energy, our strength, or our means to that would be worthwhile."

### 2—NO POISON FOR PIGS—BUT

God said long ago that "wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging." That statement is as up-to-date as if it were written yesterday. Medical science has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that alcoholic liquors constitute a narcotic poison, the effect of which on the body is to produce, among many other evils, carelessness. The last thing we need in this day of high speed and delicate mechanism is carelessness. If there were such a drug that would make men cautious and careful, I know many who ought to be compelled to take a pint three times a day. One who is intoxicated is poisoned, and such are to be pitied above all men. We would never think of poisoning our pigs, but many have no conscientious scruples against voting to poison our boys and girls."—Bellevue Bulletin.

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### PRAYER FOR THE BOYS IN SERVICE

Olive Richardson

Dear God, watch over the boys in service,  
Keep them safe from day to day.  
Guide them safely through this turmoil,  
Help them win the victory.  
Make them strong and healthy soldiers,  
Give them courage, keep them brave.  
Shield them always from temptation,  
Never let them drift astray.

Homes are empty, hearts are breaking,  
As we watch our loved ones go  
Out to fight for right and freedom,  
Where duty calls them they must go.  
Let them not forget to trust Thee;  
In their hearts forever reign,  
And when this cruel war is over,  
Bring them safely home again.

Dear God, if one is called to die  
Upon the battlefield  
Let him die a noble death,  
Such as is Thy Will.  
May all who can, survive the battles,  
May the victory soon be won,  
And when the world is once more settled,  
Dear God, bring them safely home.

—Olive Richardson

## Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley  
Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

COLUMBUS—Changes are being constantly made in all organizations during these days of war. Major J. E. Wilford, who has served at the Columbus Army Flying School as post chaplain since its opening has gone to Nashville, Tennessee, on a new assignment. It has been said that there are more soldiers in Nashville than any other city in the United States, with the exception of San Antonio. Miss Mildred Dodd, who has served the First Baptist Church so capably as camp service director, has resigned this place and accepted a position with the Y. M. C. A. in that city. She has been succeeded as camp service director by Mrs. C. N. Brandon. All charged with the responsibility of keeping the Service Center in operation were found busy making plans for the future.

COLUMBUS ARMY FLYING SCHOOL—Post Chaplain Collins invited Dr. D. A. McCall and the writer to accompany him on a tour of this large military flying school. We saw many things here that caused us to be thankful that we are Americans. Your State Mission Secretary was so impressed with what he saw that he remarked, "Uncle Sam really means business."

JUST LITTLE THINGS FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE—"No fresh milk nor Coca Colas on Guadalcanal."—Chaplain A. L. McKnight, mayor, C. C.

Headquarters  
Clinton Internment Camp  
Clinton, Mississippi

June 7th, 1943  
Mr. Fred R. Langley  
Box 530  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Langley:

In reply to your letter of May 25th, delayed en route. I desire to express my appreciation of your offer of assistance. We shall be glad to see you and Dr. Sullivan any time you find it convenient to call.

Very truly yours,  
CHAS. C. LAUGHLIN, Col. Inf.  
Commanding.

Quite often The Baptist Record receives letters from chaplains in various camps asking that The Baptist Record be sent them free. The chaplains express their appreciation of The Baptist Record and tell how anxious the Mississippi men are to read it. It is being sent to some camps but it should be sent to more camps, and most camps need more copies than they are now receiving. Won't some good Mississippi Baptist or Baptists send The Baptist Record a check to be used in sending the Record to some of our army camps. There isn't any better way for one who has means to render a worthwhile service than to send The Baptist Record to some of our army camps.

Dr. R. H. Whittington of Coliseum Place church, New Orleans, is preaching in the revival at Calhoun City, June 20-27. Robert L. Cooper of Aberdeen is the singer.—J. D. Walker.

Thursday, June 17, 1943.

# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.  
Community Missions—Mrs. Laven Boyles, Laurel, Miss.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.  
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Taylor  
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.  
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.  
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

The Missionary Topics Theme for this year is "The Christian Witness in Today's World." The topic for June is The Victorious Witness of Christian Youth. A beautiful program on this topic has been developed for us in Royal Service and I am confident that the majority of our missionary societies have studied this program. Perhaps the program chairman is very happy over the presentation and feels gratified that many present commended her for the splendid way in which the program was given. That is all well and good and is as it should be, but what will the society do for its young people as a result of the interest stirred up by this meeting? We do not have as many young people's organizations as we had last year. For some reason we have lost some of them. Did you lose any of your whole organizations? This is a good time to take inventory of your interest in the missionary education of your young people.

Looking back through the records of our work, I found these resolutions that were presented to our W. M. U. Convention in 1922:

1st. That the District Chairmen and Young People's Counselors determine in their hearts to stir up the interest of the Superintendents and Young People's leaders of the Associations in the childless missionary society in their respective Associations.

2nd. That the Associational Superintendents, Young People's leaders and other Associational officers add to their own Associational ideals for this coming year the following: "Two missionary societies of different grades in one-fourth of the churches of the Association."

3rd. That every president of a childless missionary society together with all officers pray and plan for the organization of at least one auxiliary during the ensuing year.

Twenty-one years later we still have some Associations that have childless missionary societies. We also have almost 50% of our churches without any sort of missionary organization. What a big field we have in which to work!

The Mrs. A. J. Aven scholarship at Mississippi College for the coming year was first awarded to Joe Roberts, of Laurel, Mississippi. Mrs. Aven, chairman of the scholarship committee, had a visit with Joe a few days ago. He expressed a deep appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him but said he must answer the call of his country for military service. Let us remember to pray for this fine young man who has surrendered to the call to preach the gospel but feels his first duty now is to serve his country.

Our next choice is Robert Trotter, Columbus, Mississippi. He has accepted the scholarship and will be in Mississippi College next session.

Miss Zelma Van Osdol, Pascagoula, Mississippi, is our W. M. U. scholarship girl at Blue Mountain for the

coming year. I am quoting from a letter to Mrs. Aven from her that will show you the type of girl she is:

Dear Mrs. Aven:

Dr. Lowrey told me that I had been awarded the W. M. U. scholarship for next year. I am deeply grateful to you who have made this possible. I trust that I may prove myself worthy of this honor. It means a great deal to me and I thank you from the depth of my heart.

I will be a senior next year and after graduation from Blue Mountain College I plan to go to the W. M. U. Training School, in Louisville, Ky. Then I am going to volunteer as a missionary to China. I hope that you will remember me in your prayers as I prepare myself for this great task and opportunity.

I come from Pascagoula, Mississippi, on the Gulf Coast. I have spent three years here at Blue Mountain, and it has been a great privilege and an inspiration to me to attend such a fine Christian college.

I hope I may meet you some day and thank you personally for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
ZELMA VAN OSDOL.

Quoting from a letter written by a G. A. counselor:

"I wish you could have been here for our Coronation service May 23rd. Bro. West, our pastor, let us have the time preceding his evening service and followed with a short sermon.

I have 10 G. A.'s and I have nine Queens. I have one rather young child who is a Maiden that we used to step forward and take the Bibles. We had a small boy for a bugler and the flower girls attending each Queen wore evening dresses. We used the regular Coronation service that you sent us. Both our pastor and the people were very appreciative of the work and the services. I was overjoyed that so many girls worked so hard and made the service so impressive."

This is from a country church that celebrated its centennial the 30th of May, Cherry Creek, Pontotoc county. This is the country church that ordained Dr. J. B. Gambrell to the work of the ministry. This is also the church that sent Miss Pearl Caldwell to China in 1910. Is it worthwhile to carry on the work of our young people in the country church?

An excerpt from a postcard: "I have been asked by the president of our W. M. S. to write you that we have compiled a list of our boys who are actively engaged in service for our country. The list was made as a Calendar of Prayer and is surely proving to be worthwhile."

Are you praying as a group for your boys? This is an opportunity worthy of your attention.

**Sharing Christ With the Jew**  
By Jacob Gartenhaus  
In 1940 the Jewish population of

the United States was estimated to be 5,000,000. Of this number some 600,000 may be found within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Were these people segregated like the other nationalities in a half dozen or a dozen sections of the country the problem of their evangelization could be easily solved; we could open several centers and place in charge of each a competent worker. But being so widely scattered over 9,816 different communities, within easy reach of Christian churches, they present both a challenge and an opportunity to these churches. And it is most gratifying to know that many of them are nobly meeting this challenge, thanks to the faithful women, God bless them.

For the information and encouragement of others I wish to relate what some of these women are doing to help share the message of the Saviour with their Jewish friends. They have organized Friends of Israel groups, a plan service adopted by the Southwide W. M. U. as outlined in the leaflet, "A New Emphasis on Jewish Evangelization Through the Local Church." After twenty-five years of careful and prayerful study and practical experience, we have found this to be the most satisfactory approach to the problem. All others who wish to enter into this fellowship of the Friends of Israel may secure copies of the leaflet from the Home Mission Board.

In one of our cities the Friends of Israel are making it possible for hundreds of Mediators to get into the homes of Jewish people. How marvelously the Lord has used this silent witness! The least we should do is to give them its message. The cost of this publication is only twenty-five cents a year. And we should not discontinue it after the first year. We would not think of recalling a missionary from the foreign field after his first year! Nor are the Friends stopping with that, but they are making personal contacts with those receiving these silent witnesses and report some of the most thrilling experiences.

In another city a member of the Friends of Israel, fired by an enthusiasm one seldom finds and with a genuine love for the people of our Saviour, has visited a hundred or more Jewish homes and created an interest and a desire to understand more thoroughly the claims of Christ. She is a most welcome guest in every home. No wonder that when I visited that city I found so many open doors and hungry hearts, and was besieged for interviews! Why cannot this be the case in your city?

It is my earnest hope and prayer that every community will have a Friend of Israel group and that in each missionary society at least one person will be appointed as the key woman, whose responsibility it will be to help keep the fires of interest burning in behalf of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. It is through such Friends of Israel groups that we

## INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Ernest O. Sellers

How many of the followers of Jesus Christ worship God as do the Hindu of India? Quietly, individually and oblivious of all who pass or surround him, he mutters his age old prayers, extends his arms head-level and gradually lowers them.

An account written by a Baptist missionary, long years in India, contrasts the individualism of the Hindu with the collective Christian service. His conclusion is that the Christian audience has been a spectator—as the minister has worshipped—with small understanding of what has been going on and but little opportunity to take part.

The remedy for this begins in the home. Lack of reverence and a low evaluation of spiritual exercises can only be effectually overcome by Christian parents beginning the Family Altar.

The next step is for Christian leaders to make greater use of responsive types of services, including hymn singing, thereby providing for a greater participation on the part of the congregation, class or group. "To join with our fellow-Christians in the worship of God in Christ is to strengthen the ties of Christian brotherhood and fellowship." Joint worship promotes a sense of oneness like to that of the early disciples.

Next to Scripture and prayer the use of music, singing of hymns, is the most important element of worship. Its physical appeal, aid to memorizing and its instinctive method of expression, makes music of incalculable value. To lead in public worship—"conduct a devotional"—is a task and an opportunity of highest importance. It demands thoughtful, careful and prayerful preparation. The art of worship cannot be performed by proxy. True worshippers should unite with others both for their own good and also for the aid and encouragement of others.

The Baptist Bible Institute,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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American soldiers in the North African theater of operations are taking religion more seriously in the battle areas than they did in a peacetime world. Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Patrick J. Ryan, of San Lendro, California, reported to the war department. Easter services, held at the headquarters of the Fifth Army were attended by the commanding general, Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark and members of his staff. The officers and men gathered before an improvised altar to hear a sermon delivered by Chaplain (Captain) Lloyd E. Langford, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Music for this service was furnished by the Fifth Army band.

can hope to reach the ever-increasing numbers of Jewish people. This plan of service alone can help us meet the great challenge which Israel presents today.

## GOING PLACES

**Our Text:** I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:  
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



N. F. DAVIS, JR.

## Kokomo Enjoys EVERY FAMILY Plan

Soon after becoming pastor of Kokomo church (Marion county) the pastor, N. F. Davis, Jr., suggested that the church not only adopt a budget but that it include The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan in that budget. And the church did what most churches do when the pastor suggests it—included the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Pastor Davis has been pastor of only three churches during his ministerial life, BUT all three have adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan when he suggested it.

Marion county readers are now listed as follows: BUNKER HILL CHURCH, 73; Columbia, 12; North Columbia, 11; Goss, 1; Columbia, Route 1, 1; EAST COLUMBIA, 52; KOKOMO, 35; GREENVILLE, 28; IMPROVE, 51; FOXWORTH, 40; Sandy Hook, 1; Oloh, 2.



REV. GLENWOOD TAYLOR

## Glenwood Taylor Joins 100% Club

Another member has been added to the list of 100 per centers. Glenwood Taylor found the EVERY FAMILY Plan in operation when he became pastor of Oak Grove, Neshoba county. He liked it so well that he soon had Beat Line church to adopt the same plan. He writes that it took just a little planning. Others might try Pastor Taylor's plan—just a little planning.

Neshoba county has Baptist Record readers listed as follows: COLDWATER, 35; DIXON, 21; IMMANUEL, 19; OAK GROVE, 19; PHILADEL-

PHIA, 237; SARDIS CHURCH, 31; SPRING CREEK, 32; NESHOBIA, 43; OLD PEARL VALLEY, 31; Salem, 6; LINWOOD, 20; Hope, 7; COUNTY LINE, 16; MT. SINAI, 15; New Hope, 1; Canaan, 2; NEW BLACK JACK, 15; BLUFF SPRINGS, 13; ROCKY BRANCH, 10; FELLOWSHIP, 10; SOUTHSIDE, 9; BEAT LINE, 12.

## The Mississippi Press Association

We were privileged to attend most of the meetings of the Mississippi Press Association which met in Jackson. The sessions were held at the Edwards Hotel. Among the subjects discussed were: The Bankhead Bill for Government Advertising, Maritime Problems, Advertising, Editorials, Circulation, Production, Manpower and Materials.

We found that the problems of the religious weekly are also the problems of the secular weekly.

## Newhebron and Crooked Creek

After a long session with the dentist and several days in the Baptist Hospital, Pastor B. E. Phillips was almost beyond talking so we had the privilege of supplying for him at Newhebron and Crooked Creek. At both places we found the work in a flourishing condition and people carrying on despite the hindrance of war conditions.

Good crowds greeted us at both places. At Crooked Creek they are redecorating the church and plan to paint the seats. Most of the money is already in hand.

Lawrence county Record readers are listed as follows: Jayess 2; MONTICELLO 93; NEWHEBRON 61; NOLA 31; OAKVALE 37; OLD SILVER CREEK 40; SHILOH 42; Vanilla 1; Antioch 8; OMA 5; Calvary 3; PROVIDENCE 16; Arm 1; CROOKED CREEK 18; CARMEL 30; BETHEL 24; HEPZIBAH 27; NEW HOPE 60; SOCIETY HILL 39.

## DR. OTHO A. EURE ORDERED TO CHAPLAIN'S SCHOOL

Otho A. Eure, who recently resigned as pastor at Calvary, Greenwood, is now enrolled in the Chaplain's School at Harvard University.

During the year in which he served Calvary church as pastor there were 73 additions to the church membership. All deacons except one tithe and fifty other members are tithers. The church has paid all obligations and has approximately \$400 in reserve. The church and parsonage have been redecorated and repaired.

All the organizations of the church are in fine condition.

Writing about leaving this good church, Dr. Eure says:

"For the time I am leaving my membership there and the clerk is to write you to change my Baptist Record my new address. I do not want to miss an issue. We have had the EF Plan there for a long time and they would no more think of not ordering the Sunday school literature than not to have The Baptist Record sent to all the families."

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Give liberally through your church to the B. M. C. Endowment this month.

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W. L. Sewell of Gloster will be the preacher at Lexington in a youth revival beginning June 18. Vacation Bible school will also be in progress at that time.

## RELIGIOUS OR CHRISTIAN?

Mississippi Baptists believe in Christian education. They will not be regimented religiously, however. They think for themselves, with the Word of God as their guide of faith and practice. They know that merely naming an education "Christian" is not enough. A negro at a railroad station selling chicken pie was crying his wares thus: "Chicken pie! Chicken pie! Who wants some chicken pie?" A traveling man bought a pie from the negro, but found there was no chicken in it—just gravy and carrots. Calling the negro to him, he told him there was no chicken in the pie and rebuked the negro for misrepresentation. The negro naively replied: "No sah, dey ain't no chicken in de pie; dat's jes the name of de pie."

Many people confuse religious education with Christian education. There is a vast deal of difference. Several kinds of religions exist. Among them are Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Judaism, Russellism, and the like. Then, too, materialistic philosophy is religious, Behaviourism is religious, and Atheism is religious. But there is only one true religion, pure and undefiled, and that is Christianity. So Baptists of Mississippi insist that their colleges be citadels of Christian education.

Everything that bears the name of Christian is not necessarily Christian. The best test is the scriptural text: "By their fruits, ye shall know them."

Blue Mountain College continues to strive to live up to its reputation as a symbol of Christian education—a college in the service of Christ. It can only submit as evidence of how well it is doing this the superior type of student it attracts, the Christian homes from which its students come; the testimony of pastors, parents, business men, school men, and public opinion; and the conscription by society of its graduates for places of leadership in church, school, civic, club, and other cultural circles.

Baptists of the state will have an opportunity this month to make generous financial contributions to the God-given mission of Blue Mountain College through their churches.

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I have just closed a good meeting with Pastor W. E. Winstead, at New Augusta. Pastor Winstead has been there only a short time. He is dearly loved by his people. I must say that Rev. H. B. Hilburn, pastor of the Methodist church, and his people were so fine, and came in large numbers to every service. He, too, is loved by all the people in New Augusta. Both pastors have invited me back for a week's Bible conference this fall. There were twelve additions. I go to be in a meeting with Pastor J. G. Cooke, in Lockhart, Texas, the 20th of June.—J. Earl Bryant, pastor, Immanuel church, Hattiesburg.

Camden, N. J. (RNS)—Through a church service bureau, which has just celebrated its first anniversary, parishioners of St. Joseph's Polish church, of this city, keep in almost constant contact with the 1,078 young men and women members of the parish who are serving in the United States armed forces.

Lisbon (By Wireless to RNS)—Many pastors of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Slovakia have been



MISS SIDNEY CUNNINGHAM

## LEXINGTON CHURCH EMPLOYS PROMOTION SECRETARY

Miss Sidney Cunningham has arrived in Lexington to assume her duties as promotional secretary in the First Baptist Church there. She is a native of Montgomery, Alabama, and did her college work at Mars Hill College, N. C. She received training at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, majoring in young people's and W. M. U. work. Miss Cunningham, who is an experienced office worker, will also serve as secretary to the pastor. Before coming to Lexington she did religious work in the army camps in New Orleans.

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405th Bomb. Op.  
Drew Field,  
Tampa, Florida.  
June 27, 1943.

The Baptist Record  
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Sir:

I received a Baptist Record a few days ago and I was very glad to get it. I understand that it is sent to me by my home church, Fairview Baptist Church, Indianola, Miss. I would like to say thanks a million for your interest in your church members that are in service. I would like to say thanks to The Baptist Record for being so nice to send the paper to me for I know that you have a hard time getting the paper sent to all of its readers.

I found that the good Baptist people are still going on with their work in a great way. I had about lost out on what the Now Club and other church work was doing until I got the Record. I hope that this will be the biggest year that the Mississippi Baptists have ever had.

I will say to the other churches of Mississippi if you want to do something for your boys that are out from you in service, send them the Record so they can see what you are doing at home. Then do something for your church and Lord that you will be glad for him to read. We boys are a long way from our churches but we still like to know that it is carrying the torch for our Saviour.

Thanking you again for mailing me the Record, I am

Yours in Christ,  
PFC. JOSEPH L. JENKINS.

imprisoned for baptizing and aiding Jews, according to a report received here which also reveals that a shortage of pastors is seriously handicapping the work of the church.

**STEWARSHIP . . . OUR NEXT SIMULTANEOUS CRUSADE?**  
(Continued from Page One)

occasional sermon by the pastor, regarded by the majority as a "money sermon," and an occasional mission study book in the W. M. S. In the latter case it is confined to the few who can be induced to take a study course, or is done in one day, when a bare outline can be given.

The church is not the power that it ought to be in most communities because so many of its members are playing at being Christians, and the world knows it. Our organizations do not function as they should either because workers cannot be found to fill the places of responsibility, or because those who take an office in one of the organizations do not regard it as a stewardship obligation to God, but as something that no one else will do that ought to be done; instead of regarding it as a stewardship opportunity for service, it is an unwanted burden to be done with as little effort as possible.

A good many church members, and some Christians, are extremely sensitive about the money question. Such remarks as: "You can't go to church any more without being asked to give something" used to worry me, until I discovered that all worship has within it the idea of giving. We need to put giving upon a higher plane than the necessity of paying the bills of the church and keeping the pastor in clothing and groceries.

Christians are yet babes in Christ who cannot be fed upon the strong meat of Christian stewardship. You cannot develop strong and vibrant Christian manhood and womanhood in those who withhold from God that which is His, of time, talents, or possessions, or deal with a niggardly hand "grudgingly or of necessity." The men and women whose faith overcomes the world and meets every test are those who have a vital sense of partnership with God, the possession of every true steward. Such men and women are needed in every church for the perplexing problems of these unusual times, and for the challenging tasks of the post-war period.

This was not intended, however, to be a discussion of the doctrine of stewardship, but to suggest, as an humble pastor, the possibility that we plan for another crusade. With the same thorough organization, the same careful and prayerful preparation, that we contemplate enlisting every church (in groups and sections perhaps, as in this crusade just completed) to foster a five-day STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL. It would call for our pastors to prepare a series of ten sermons, not only setting forth the doctrine of stewardship in all its implications, but sermons that urge Christians to commit themselves, and to begin the practice of stewardship.

In this crusade we would need to make clear what is involved in the practice of stewardship. I have witnessed "reconsecration" services in which almost the entire congregation would stand, "rededicating" themselves to God. There was a general good feeling of a "fine spiritual service," with little apparent after-effect. People continued to rob God in tithes and offerings, and to hide their talents in the things of earth.

A testing time of our Christian

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Wise  
Son  
Maketh  
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Glad  
Father.

Prov. 10:1.  
Dwell With  
Me and Be  
Unto Me a  
Father.  
Judges 17:10.



**MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR JACKSON CHURCHES**

There is a large opportunity for mission work at the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield and along with it a real need for Christian people to minister to the sick and distressed. There are some 1,600 or 1,700 white patients there at a time, with 2,500 in the course of a year.

A large part of this number are well able to use spiritual help and need Christian comforting. About 40% of admissions are now returned home after treatment. As a pay clinic for volunteer or special patients is now operated, many business men, doctors, lawyers, planters, in fact, men and women from all walks of life are passing through the institution. Some of these come because of nervous breakdowns and other nervous disorders, some needing physical treatment not available elsewhere in the state, some due to alcoholism, some with the dope habit, and others for depression and despondency. Many mental derangements are now curable. So, all in all, there are many "committed" and volunteer patients there who can use, and do greatly need, spiritual help. There are church members to about the same percentage as in any group. Regardless of good care and facilities there is naturally much physical and mental distress. Beside ministering to human needs there are opportunities for winning the lost.

Your writer led three to confess Christ and had a part in leading others. A prayer meeting is carried on every evening in the men's receiving ward, which began April 5th. A

faith is already upon us, and even greater tests may await us in the not far distant future. A stewardship revival, which is just that, all that, will help get our people in a position where God becomes a real help in time of trouble. It will give our churches the power and workers needed for the mighty task that lies before them.

**NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED**

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at its monthly meeting, Thursday, June 10, appointed five new missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. John David Hughey, Chesterfield, South Carolina, who will prepare themselves for service in Russia as soon as doors are opened following the war; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buie Underwood, Albuquerque, New Mexico, appointed to serve in Brazil; and Miss Ada Jackson, Turner's Station, Kentucky, who will go to Nigeria, West Africa, when passage can be secured.

The Board, in its meeting Thursday, considered the problems of rapidly rising costs in Free China where eight

devotional time and a prayer season are held. There is a deep feeling of repentance, a general feeling that sin was, one way or another, at the bottom of their troubles and that they were being chastened by God; and they seek God's help. People in such a state of mind are anxious for and respond to help. One day a patient asked that an opportunity be given that evening to publicly confess Christ. A licensed Baptist minister working at the General Hospital was asked to conduct that evening. Great was the minister's amazement and joy when seven of the "audience" of thirteen came forward confessing Christ or resolving to make a new start. The attendance ranged from one to twenty-four, which was always a good part of those available in that ward.

My prayer has been that God would send workers there to do personal work, hold prayer services, and preaching services. Others have prayed likewise. Dr. McCall is for such work, but as it would require action by the State Board, which may not meet for some months, it therefore seems that the supporting of workers (at least a man for the men's wards, and a woman for the women) by a local church or churches will be the only immediate help.—A layman.

**25 YEARS AGO**

From the B. Y. P. U. Department: Question—Are there any mission study books for the Junior B. Y. P. U.?

Answer—A real junior in age is old enough to comprehend the most of our missionary books published by the Foreign Mission Board. A list may be had by writing the Foreign Mission Board.

Mississippi graduates at Southwestern Seminary include Wayne Alliston, O. O. Davis, W. A. Hancock, A. Q. Van Benschoten, John F. Carter, H. T. McLaurin, N. A. Moore and S. G. Posey.

Miss Elizabeth Kethley was among the recent appointees of the Foreign Mission Board. She will go to Shanghai to teach in the Baptist College.

The third week's issue in June was strictly a "woman's number." Dr. Lipsey was away in a meeting and Dr. Lawrence was suffering from an attack of malaria.

Among the officers of the W. M. U. listed were: Vice president, Mrs. A. K. Godbold, Clinton; central superintendent, Mrs. M. M. Fulgham, Jackson; Louisville superintendent, Mrs. J. K. Armstrong, Louisville; Oktibbeha superintendent, Mrs. Earl Moore, Duffee; Hopewell superintendent, Mrs. Jefferson Kent, Forest; and Jones county, Mrs. W. V. Walters, Laurel.

**SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS CRITICIZE CATHOLIC MISSIONS POLICY**

Montreat, N. C. (RNS)—A statement charging the Roman Catholic church with attempts to bar Protestant mission work in Latin America, on the ground that it interferes with the "Good Neighbor" policy in predominantly Catholic regions, was adopted here by the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern). The assembly voted to send a copy of the statement to the State Department in Washington.

"If the hierarchy is right in insisting that Protestant missions should cease in Latin America because Protestants are in the minority," said the statement, "then, on the same principle, Roman Catholic propaganda should be excluded from the United States."

At Lexington church three have been baptized in the past few weeks. A church library has been started, which already has more than 100 books. Offerings reached the highest mark last month. People are attending in large numbers. H. W. Roberson is pastor.

Give liberally through your church to the B. M. C. Endowment this month.

teen Southern Baptist missionaries are now laboring. The meager salaries of missionaries in China, if trebled, would not have nearly as much purchasing power as in normal times. Forty-seven Southern Baptist missionaries are interned in Occupied China and the Philippines.

**A NEW ACADEMIC SCHEDULE FOR  
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE**

Mississippi College has been selected as the site of one of the V-12 Naval Training Schools, under the authority of the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D. C. To make for uniformity in its nation-wide program, the navy has stipulated that the college year be divided into three 16-week terms, the first beginning on July 1, 1943, and continuing through October; the second beginning on November 1, 1943, and continuing through February, 1944; the third beginning on March 1, 1944, and continuing through June, 1944.

The college year for civilian students, both men and women, will conform to this same schedule. Students, both naval and civilian, may enter at the beginning of any term, though entrance on July 1, the first term, is strongly recommended.

The second 6-week term of the regular 1943 summer session of the college will be carried on as scheduled, opening on July 5 and closing on August 14.

In order to take care of those few regular civilian students who may not be able to enter at the beginning of the regular 16-week term on July 1, an 8-week term will be provided, beginning September 1, closing out with the regular 16-week term the last of October.

Except for the change in calendar, there will be little disruption of the normal academic program. The curricular offerings of peacetime will be available, augmented by special wartime courses. Women students and men students not yet enlisted for military service will attend Mississippi College as usual, continuing their normal programs on the new three-term basis; or, if a student prefers, he may attend only one or two terms out of three.

**Living Accommodations**

Residence, dining room, and medical facilities will continue to be available to all civilian students. Chrestman Hall and the gymnasium will serve as residence halls for the naval unit, while Jennings Hall and Ratliff Hall will be open to civilian men students. The cafeteria adjacent to Jennings Hall will serve naval students only, but Ratliff Hall dining room will be open to all civilian men students. All boarding girls will continue to room and take their meals on the Hillman campus.

Publications giving full information about the liberal arts college will be available upon request.

**The Naval Unit**

Mississippi College is fortunate in being designated for this particular kind of training. The men who are to be in uniform here are the highest ranking high school graduates and college men. They have passed rigid mental and physical tests and are being trained for officers in the United States Navy. Having undergone this selective screening, there is no branch of service in which a more promising group can be found. They will be under strict discipline of training and study and supervised recreation.

The only change in prices is to conform to the new 16-week terms.

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Give liberally through your church to the B. M. C. Endowment this month.



ROBERT MOORE

I am writing this word about Robert Moore of Thrasher, Miss., who has been directing the singing in our section of the state for several years in revival meetings with fine results.

Robert studied at B. B. I. under Dr. Sellers and Dr. Carnett. He is a fine Christian spirit; loves the Lord and loves to sing. He has a splendid voice and the ability for leading. He is a member of the Baptist church of Thrasher and is married.

He will render fine service. I have known him for fourteen years and recommend him to the brotherhood.

—J. D. Thompson.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE**

	SS	BTU
Calvary Jackson	789	193
Griffith Memorial Jackson	593	212
New Albany	455	121
Crystal Springs (Copiah)	294	133
Louisville First	291	45
Morrison Chapel	121	81
Jones Bayou	107	
Ackerman	106	21
Wallerly	94	32
Enon (Panola)	63	42
Olive Branch	65	36
Liberty Hill (Panola)	130	71
Shelton, June 6	62	46
Olive Branch	73	47

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**BTU DISTRICT CONVENTION  
AT BRUCE**

A splendid district convention was held by the Training Union forces in the new Bruce Baptist Church, with attendance of more than 100. Highlighting the program were talks by Miss Sara Wallis, associate to State Secretary A. J. Wilds, Miss Ruth Garcia, of Argentina, and Frank Skilton. Group conferences were most helpful. Pastor L. F. Haire and the Bruce church proved excellent hosts, and the bountiful buffet supper was most enjoyable.

State mission work was featured in a colored motion picture of soldiers, Indians, and Negroes, as well as other phases of endeavor.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: R. W. McFerrin, Eupora, president; Lofton Lackey, Calhoun City, vice president; Mrs. John Collums, Houka, secretary; Mrs. Earl Reece, Bruce, district leader.

Outstanding in interest were the Junior, Intermediate and Story Hour contests.—Mrs. John Collums.

The nation has reached a low ebb morally when one of the "alphabet" officers can advise the opening of "high class" beer halls in the land as one step in the solution of juvenile delinquency. Yet that is what Mr. Mark McClosky of the ODHWS (Office of Defense, Health and Welfare Services) advised. The Watchman-Examiner well says, "This is a low level of advice offered by a man in a high place." And we would add that, with the advice given by Mrs. Roosevelt a few years ago to the effect that young women should learn how much (liquor) they can drink, there is mighty little hope of seeing an appreciable ebb in the juvenile crime wave, until such leaders are wholly converted.—Western Recorder.

**Buffalo, N. Y. (RNS)—**Deploring a "tendency to yield more and more of the educational processes to governmental and military jurisdiction," the West New York Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church called on colleges and seminaries of its denominations to "provide no agreement for education of military chaplains as outlined by the Bureau of Naval Personnel in the V-12 program." The agreement provides for training of candidates for naval chaplaincies. "Such collaboration," stated the report of the committee on educational institutions, "can only be construed in the light of the trend of today—complete militarization of our whole life. It is governmental interference in the church's responsibility for the preparation of its young men as ambassadors of Christ. We strongly object to the military cast this would give to our seminaries, to the unwholesome division it would create in the student body and to the military supervision of their education at whatever step in the process."



MISS MYRTIS FOSTER

Miss Myrtis Foster of Jackson has accepted the position as educational secretary of the First Baptist Church of New Albany. Miss Foster is a graduate of Mississippi College in the class of 1941 and of the Woman's Missionary Training School at Louisville with the class of 1943. She is a native of Jackson and has been an active member of the First Baptist Church since childhood. She has also had experience in summer Vacation Bible school work.

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According to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi contributed a total of \$31,719.16 during the month of May for Southwide objects. \$9,451.39 went through the Cooperative Program, \$19,593.98 was designated and the Hundred Thousand Club received \$2,673.79. Total receipts so far this year amount to \$2,008,361.99. This exceeds the receipts for the same period last year by \$416,363.21.

**OUR LAST APPEAL**

Below is given a general questionnaire which all our readers are asked to fill out and send to the paper promptly.

Study the questionnaire. It is explicit. Please answer it explicitly according to your best judgment.

The results will be tabulated for future reference and guidance. Now be sure to tell what you think about The Baptist Record, good or bad. Your response is eagerly awaited.

Ready! Aim! Go!—yes, Fire! if you want to!

**Baptist Record Reader Interest Survey**

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Name, in order, your three favorite features of The Baptist Record:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Check the features you consider most worthwhile: Inspirational articles \_\_\_\_\_ News \_\_\_\_\_ History \_\_\_\_\_ Pictures \_\_\_\_\_ Crossword puzzle \_\_\_\_\_ Sermons \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School Lesson \_\_\_\_\_ Cartoons \_\_\_\_\_ Interpretations \_\_\_\_\_ Editorials \_\_\_\_\_ Contributed Editorials \_\_\_\_\_ Selected Editorials \_\_\_\_\_ Special pages: Missions \_\_\_\_\_ WMU \_\_\_\_\_ SS \_\_\_\_\_ BTU \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ Doctrinal articles \_\_\_\_\_ Know Your Bible \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for better paper \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Baptist Record respectfully requests that no one give his or her name. Your conscientious answers, however, will be greatly appreciated and very helpful. The only cost to you will be the stamp for returning this form fully executed, but this cost will be easily justified by the service of love you



B. S. U. AT BELHAVEN COLLEGE,  
JACKSON, MISS.

The above is a picture of the newly elected BSU council at Belhaven which will serve for the coming year. Pictured from left to right, the officers are, front row: Frances Amaker, of Jackson, social chairman; Charlise Minter, of Inverness, assistant enlistment chairman; Betty Jane Hammit, New Augusta, B. T. U. representative; Frances Moss, of Jackson, enlistment chairman, who will also take over the presidency when the present president completes her school work before the following year is complete; and Mary Bennet, of Hattiesburg B. S. U. president. On the back row are: Margaret Weathersby of Jackson, Y. W. A. and Ridgecrest representative; Wilma Harper, of Jackson, devotional chairman; Johnnie Marie Turner, of Houlka, Baptist Student representative; Martha Vivien Kennedy, Magee, Sunday school representative; Margie Everett, of Yazoo City, assistant devotional chairman; and Nita Huff, of Forest, secretary and treasurer. Not pictured is Ruth Reynolds, of Jackson, publicity chairman.

Recently in the First Baptist Church in Jackson, the B. S. U. installation service was held. The program, which was by candlelight, was in charge of Martha Frances Jones, outgoing B. S. U. president. B. S. U. at Belhaven reached the goal of First Magnitude this year. The new officers pledged in unison to uphold the aims and purposes for which the Baptist Student Union stands.—Rose Reynolds, publicity chairman, Belhaven B. S. U.

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Slayden Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Clarence Palmer seems to be going places. Some marks of this church's fruitfulness are seen in the following accomplishments for the past thirteen months: First, the virtual completion of the church auditorium. Second, the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. Third, the incorporation of the Cooperative Program in the regular church budget. Fourth, adoption of the Ministers' Retirement Plan. Fifth, the generous contributions to the "specials." Sixth, the wonderful way they honor the Lord with their substance. Seventh, having two revivals in the church. Eighth, the creation of a more harmonious spirit in the church and the general spirituality of the church strengthened. Ninth, the church is now having preaching four Sunday mornings per month.

#### MRS. FRANCES GOWAN

I bring my humble tribute to the memory of Mrs. Frances Gowan. She was born November 26, 1861 and died October 1, 1942. Early in life she united with Samaria Baptist church, and during all the years of her life she was a faithful consistent member. On November 8, 1882 she married Isaac Gowan who preceded her in death many years ago. To this union were born four children: Mrs. Fenton Adcock, deceased; Mrs. Belle Adcock, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Ruth Greer and Mrs. Sallie Mitchell, McAdams, Miss. She was the stepmother of Ike and Louise Gowan, McAdams.

Hers was a noble, unselfish, Christian life. She loved her church, Sunday school, and WMU devotedly and was never absent from either if she were well. She was the leading spirit in all matters pertaining to church affairs; and a help and stay to her pastors. She also felt a deep interest in the nearby church of a different denomination. She was useful in affairs pertaining to the neighborhood and could always be counted on to do her part. She was cheerful, kind, unselfish, sharing her home with her two invalid sisters, giving them a home in the truest sense. The older sister, a saintly Christian, passed away several years ago. In speaking of her after her death, Mrs. Gowan said, "I wish her mantle would fall on me." I feel sure that it did.

We miss her sadly. She is missed in the church, the Sunday school, the singing; in the community and in the hearts of those who loved her and of those she loved. We know she has left all pain and sorrow and is now resting in the arms of her Savior whom she loved so well. We should strive to do as she has done—follow in the footsteps of Him who doeth all things well, and be prepared to meet our Savior as she was. Her place will ever be vacant in our hearts, but the memory of her noble Christian life like a sweet fragrance, will linger with us through all the coming years.

One who loved her,

MINNIE MITCHELL.

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The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, reports the largest summer school enrollment in the history of the institution. The total registration is 299, 50 more than ever before enrolled in a summer session. The nearest approach to this record was the 1922 enrollment of 249. No explanation is given for this large increase. Part of it may be due to the fact that many churches are granting leaves of absence to their pastors for the summer, which enables them to further study and to get a fresh approach to their work. Dr. T. B. Maston is director of the summer school.

## Enlistment Pastors

Mississippi Baptists are now taking the Gospel to the people in real earnestness. Romans 10:1-2; Romans 9:1-5.

We gladly announce the completed setup for His work in this plan.

**Rev. J. B. Ray, Tupelo, District 1**, composed of these associations: Alcorn, Benton, Chickasaw, Calhoun, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tishomingo, Tippah and Union.

**Rev. Gaines Hightower, Batesville, District 2**, made up of associations as follows: Bolivar, DeSoto, Deer Creek, Lafayette, Leflore, Marshall, Panola, Riverside, Tallahatchie, Tate, Sunflower and Yalobusha.

**Rev. E. D. Estes, Eupora, District 3**, associations are: Attala, Clay, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Holmes, Lowndes, Madison, Montgomery, Oktibbeha, Yazoo and Zion.

**Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton, District 4**, associations: Clarke (Liberty), Leake, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba (New Choctaw), Noxubee, Newton, Rankin, Scott, Smith and Winston.

**Dr. W. E. Greene, Wesson (residence uncertain at present), District 5**, associations: Adams-Franklin, Copiah, Hinds-Warren, Jeff Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Mississippi, Pike, Simpson, Union and Walthall.

**Rev. M. E. Perry, Hattiesburg, District 6**, associations: Covington, George, Greene, Gulf Coast, Jackson, Jones, Lebanon, Marion, Pearl River, Perry and Wayne..

**NOTE:** Let the pastors and churches make large use of the Enlistment pastor for the respective districts. Get them in touch with churchless areas. Let them aid pastorless churches.

**Rev. B. S. Hilbun, Soso, will work over the state. Call on him.**

**Rev. W. W. Kyzar, Columbia, has been put in the State field by a layman whose name we are not privileged to divulge at this writing. His salary will be supplemented through the church at Philadelphia.**

**Plan to have EXTRA WINTER SOUL WINNING. The brethren will be glad to help.**

**FORWARD IN SOUL WINNING!**

**Mississippi Baptist Convention Board  
Department Of Evangelism  
BOX 530, JACKSON, 105, MISSISSIPPI**

## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary



Phillip Harris

We welcome most heartily to the force of Southwide workers, Phillip B. Harris, now Sunday school and Training Union Secretary of Illinois, and who is coming to the Sunday School Board June 15 as the promoter of Young People's work. Mr. Harris is fitted in every way for his new work, and we predict for him a great success in this field. We welcome him because it will give all the states the privilege of his services.

William P. Phillips, secretary of the Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday school work, Baptist Sunday School Board, has the following announcement concerning the coming of Mr. Harris:

"The Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday school work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, promoting the Young People's Adult and Extension Departments of our Sunday schools, has pleasure in announcing to Mississippi Baptist Sunday school workers and others the coming of Phillip B. Harris to join its staff June 15th. Mr. Harris has served Illinois Baptists as their State Sunday School and Training Union Secretary most acceptably for nearly five years. He is happy and genial; is thirty years of age and married. He taught school for several years and served as athletic coach. He is well equipped, both by nature and experience, for this new assignment."

"Mr. Harris is to assume the task of promoting the work of the Young People's Department of the Sunday school, succeeding Mr. A. V. Washburn who has so acceptably promoted that phase of the work in this department for the past ten years but is now being assigned to the larger task of promotion of Adult Sunday school work. With the coming of Mr. Harris this department has brought to realization and consummation the plan envisioned under the present leadership of a promotional secretary for each of the three departments for whose promotion it is responsible. All of these workers, in addition to the department secretary, are at the service of our constituency and shall welcome the opportunity to serve."

—BR—

Since the last issue, another church has indicated its intention of giving to the Now Club the amount they would have spent sending their pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention. See the honor roll on another page.



Mrs. Harold R. Jones

"In the March meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Mrs. Harold R. Jones, the Approved Cradle Roll leader for Texas, was elected as an associate in the Department of Elementary Sunday School Work. She will give special attention to Cradle Roll work—assuming part of the duties which have been so faithfully and efficiently carried by Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood.

"For several years Mrs. Jones was a member of the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, teaching elementary education in the School of Religious Education. For two years she headed the Department of Elementary Education in the Texas Wesleyan College. Mrs. Jones is deeply consecrated and has been much in demand throughout the South in training schools, enlargement campaigns, and Sunday school conventions. We bid her God-speed in a most challenging field of service."

We are glad to publish in this column the above statement about Mrs. Jones by Andrew Allen, secretary of the Department of Elementary Sunday School Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Also, we wish to add our word of welcome to the coming of this fine and capable worker to this important field of service.

### Standards

These standard applications have been recently received:

The Prentiss school, Dr. W. L. Holcomb, pastor, J. O. Boyd, superintendent. Also the Pollyanna Young People's class, Main street, Hattiesburg, Mrs. E. C. Fischel, teacher; the Dorcas Adult class, First church, Hattiesburg, Mrs. J. K. Travis, teacher, and these Intermediate classes—Sunshine Scatterers, Pope, Mrs. Gaston McCullough, teacher; Character Builders, Leland, E. A. Curry, teacher; Sunshine Scatterers, Picayune-First, Mrs. Joe M. Williams, teacher; 13 Year Girls, McComb-First, Miss Elwyn Butler, teacher. The Intermediate Department, Picayune-First, Mrs. Elere Gillis, superintendent, has also become standard, giving us five standard Intermediate departments to date this year, and a new record in our history.

Our heartiest congratulations to

### WHAT TO WRITE SERVICE MEN AND WHAT NOT

The Office of War Information offers these pointers for homefolks writing to soldiers, sailors, and marines—based on suggestions gathered in a survey among servicemen at home and overseas, in cooperation with the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces:

#### TELL HIM:

1. How the family is doing everything possible to help in the war.
2. How anxious the family is for the boy's return.
3. How well and busy the family is. Give details.
4. How the family is getting along financially.

5. What's doing in the community: news about girls (single) he knows, doings of friends, who's marrying whom, exploits of the home team and other sports events, social doings, effects of the war on the home town. Reminisce a little about past events and places the boy used to visit. Enclose clippings from the home-town paper.

#### DON'T TELL HIM:

1. Your troubles. He has troubles of his own.
2. Your complaints. He can't do anything about them.
3. About things you are deprived of. He can't supply them.
4. Doleful predictions about the future. He's fighting for that future—now.

5. Unnecessary details about financial troubles. If there are things he should know about family finances, and he is in a position to do something about the situation, tell him. But don't string it out.

—BR—

**The B. S. U. Council of Mississippi**  
Southern College recently presented a birthday and anniversary present to C. S. Moulder. The day marked his fifth anniversary as Baptist Student Secretary at Mississippi Southern College. The Student Union of Mississippi Southern has received the award of First Magnitude from Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Southwide secretary. They have received this award for the past five years.

one and all of the workers of these standard units.

### Vacation Schools

We have just received word that the Stonewall school had 17 professions of faith. Rev. Sollie I. Smith is the pastor of this good church.

We are now in the midst of the Vacation Bible school season. Let's do everything possible to give our boys and girls the advantages of the Vacation school. The time will soon be past for them for this year. There is yet ample time, but we must act quickly.

Be sure and see that a report of your school is sent to us. We want a report of each school held this year regardless of size. Blanks will be gladly sent to you for this purpose if you need them.

During this time of stress and uncertainty in world affairs, we should not fail to take advantage of every opportunity for spiritual advance, and that certainly includes the Vacation Bible school. Be sure to plan one for your church this summer.

### HOW TO USE THE BAPTIST RECORD IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. In Brotherhood meetings: Occasionally ask the men to bring their copies of the Record and in about ten minutes let them point out items most interesting to them.

2. At mid-week prayer services, once a month, devote ten minutes to having the members speak of what they found in a recent issue of the paper of special interest.

3. Suggest to leaders of different departments to send in write-ups of special features and then watch for their appearance in the Record.

4. From the pulpit, refer to items recently appearing in the Record.

(The above suggestions are from Rev. S. E. Smith of the Sunday school department. These plans he used in pastorates to aid in stimulating interest in reading The Baptist Message. What plan have you found helpful? Send your suggestions to pass along to others. We thought the idea good for Record readers.—Editor.)

### TEN BEST BOOKS

Below I am glad to furnish my list of the ten best books. There are other good books but these have impressed me most:

The Bible.

Prayer, by Evangelist John R. Rice.

Militant Christianity.

Around the Cross.

He Spoke to the Ages.

The Peril of Bread.

The Imperial Christ.

Take Heed.

Carry On.

The Romance of Evangelism.

—By W. S. Allen.

—BR—

### "FORGIVE ME DAD"

Today while wearing a flower white  
By Daddy's grave I knelt;  
Asking forgiveness of heartaches,  
While on this earth you dwelt.

That day I wore a big bright flower,  
In honor of Father's Day;  
I remember you smiled at me through  
tears  
In that good old fashioned way.

Today I know that I am late  
Trying to make atone;  
I humbly ask in silent prayer,  
Kneeling by your marble stone.

Forgive me Dad for being late,  
As I wear this flower white;  
Would that I could exchange  
It for a flower bright.

MRS. DEWEY WELCH,  
Summerland, Mississippi.

—BR—

**Springfield, Ill. (RNS)—Plans for** the re-entry of missionaries into Burma were formulated here at a meeting of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Baptist missionaries formerly stationed in Burma and forced to leave during the Japanese invasion, it was stated, will return to their fields as soon as possible.

**On May 31 Dr. Norman W. Cox** closed the fourth year of his second pastorate with the First Baptist Church of Meridian. There have been 725 additions to the church during these years. The Lord has blessed the church through the sincere and devoted leadership of this great preacher.

## Baptist Training Union

**AIM—Training in Church Membership**  
**AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary**  
**OXFORD, MISS.**

Fort Riley, Kansas  
 Sunday, May 30, 1943

Dear Mr. Wilds:

Here I am at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and have had one week of basic training. It's not so bad and I have made it fine so far. Following four weeks of basic, I will enter a clerical school here. I expect to be here for thirteen weeks. Have done my best to be a good soldier and am trying my best to serve God even more. There is great opportunity among my buddies. I have attended church at every opportunity. I'll be thinking of you and the B. T. U. District Conventions. I trust that each one will be a success. Mr. Wilds, please remember me and the soldier boys in your prayers. I will appreciate hearing from you when you can write. With best personal regards, I am, sincerely yours, Hershall O. George.

Hershall was the director of the Pontotoc Training Union, and associate director of the Pontotoc Associational Training Union. He is being missed over there, but we are glad to have fellows like him in the army for the good influence they wield.

### Leland Intermediates Alert

The Vacation Bible School closed last week at Leland, and if all departments were as alert as were the Intermediates we know they had a good school. This department was interested in learning more about our mission work and as a part of their school they prepared a museum of missionary information which included a picture and the autograph of each state worker. The State Training Union secretary received two letters from members of this department, Ernest Currey and Mary Ann Boone requesting his picture and autograph. He felt flattered and found pleasure in granting the request.

"Life is just an eternal struggle to keep one's earning capacity up to one's yearning capacity."

"Prejudice is a great time saver—it enables one to form opinions without bothering to get the facts."

"Handle the hardest job first each day. Easy ones are pleasures."

—Quotations from Iowa State Bulletin.

### It's to Laugh

A business man, very keen to have proficient clerks in his employ, requires a clerk before entering his office to pass a written examination. At an examination a question was: "Who formed the first company?" One boy wrote, "Noah successfully floated a company, while the rest of the world was in liquidation."

"Waiter, it's been half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup." "Sorry, sir, but you know how turtles are." Now do not take that as personal! No one said YOU are slow!

Tom: ::What is an operetta?" Bill: "Don't be foolish; it's a girl who works at the telephone exchange."

Thanks to State College B. S. U.

Bulletin for the jokes.

### First Laurel Adds Two Workers

We welcome to official positions in one of our best Mississippi churches two fine young people who have just entered upon their new tasks. Miss Jimmy Todd becomes social secretary of First Laurel and Mr. Joseph Daniel becomes minister of music and education in this same good church. Dr. Gates, the esteemed pastor, in commenting on this forward step by the church, says: "They are both beginning in a great way. We feel that we will accomplish our ambition which is to do what we have been doing for the Lord in a much better way and do more than we have heretofore." We extend congratulations and best wishes to all concerned.

Will you remember our District Conventions in prayer next week? When you read this, two weeks of the conventions will have been held. We go to press with this, however, before the first week's meetings are held.

### General Committees in Your Training Union

Efficiency is the order of the day! We do not have to sell that idea anymore. The government has demonstrated it, and if churches cannot get the idea and catch the stride its going to be "just too bad." One way we can tighten up our organization and bring about more efficiency in our work is to magnify the general committee work. In name we already have three general committees in a Training Union. The Executive, made up of the director, general officers, department officers, and heads of unions (this committee was discussed in last week's Record). The Membership Committee, made up of the associate director and vice presidents of all unions; the Efficiency Committee with the general secretary as chairman and the secretaries of all unions on this committee. Every Training Union needs three additional general committees, one of the Bible readers leaders, one of the missionary leaders, and one of the social leaders, each of these having an efficient chairman who can be called associate directors, if you like, or just general chairmen. The thought is that these committees will meet each month thirty or forty minutes before the monthly council of officers meet—some better time if you like—and discuss and plan work for each of these committees to do. These general committees will have enough in their meeting to make it an interesting meeting, hence profitable. The chairman will come prepared to suggest a project for his committee for the month, then each member goes to his officers' council and reports the plan. Later he and his committee work out the details and go to work to accomplish the task.

When the government decides on a plan, they spare no effort in making that plan a success, sometimes it isn't and sometimes ours may not work. If not, make a new one. Some are destined to succeed, but none will unless the committee inspired by the

IF WE HAD BEEN TOLD THESE THINGS  
 BASE HEADQUARTERS  
 APO No. 763  
 Office of the Chaplain

1 May 1943

Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor  
 The Baptist Record,  
 Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

The Baptist Record comes to me regularly and through it I keep in touch with the magnificent work that is being done while we are away. I am glad to see that God is finding His own, responsive to the finer things of life.

In our work in this base section, it is my duty to keep in touch with all our chaplains and to help them in every way possible. May I say that they are doing a fine work. Our chaplains who have not had previous military service are quickly learning what it is all about and are adjusting themselves accordingly.

A soldier in World War I and now a chaplain, may I make a statement? If officers in the induction centers will catch a vision of "service above self"—and teach soldiers and inexperienced officers that the only way to win this war, and the peace that follows, is to practice clean living and pure thinking they would save many a man who otherwise will learn the hard way. I have had officers and men tell me time after time, "If we had been told these things back home we would have been able to overcome, rather than be overcome by temptation."

It is my hope and sincere prayer, that the right type of leadership will be given our boys. Blind leading the blind both fall in the ditch. Please God, inspire our leaders to lead in deed and in truth.

Pray for us that we will be able to lead men in the way they should go, by following close to the Saviour.

Sincerely,  
 CHARLES O. TATE,  
 Senior Chaplain

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Give liberally through your church to the B. M. C. Endowment this month.

chairman put something, yes much, into working the plans. Just meeting, or just meeting and making plans is wasting time. But to meet, make plans, and work your plans is "buying up the time."



1. Two men of different characters (righteous and unrighteous) are mentioned in the Bible. Can you name them?

2. "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform," is a line in William Cowper's hymn, "Light Shining Out of Darkness." What verses in the Bible inspired this hymn?

3. Were epicureans (Acts 17:18) the same as 'epicureans' we know in our modern day?

4. What king of Israel asked Elisha to help him overcome the attacks of Syrian invaders, and how did Elisha bring it to pass?

(Correct answers on Page 15.)

### TEXAS METHODISTS PROTEST TO PRESIDENT ON LIQUOR

Fort Worth, Texas (RNS)—Temperance-minded Methodists of the Fort Worth District have dispatched a letter of protest to President Roosevelt because:

(1) Ration stamps are required to purchase unfermented wines used in communion services, whereas fermented wines are sold without stamps in liquor stores.

(2) Alcohol for medicinal purposes requires a doctor's prescription, whereas alcohol sold in beverages does not.

These differences were pointed out by Rev. Thomas Sterck, pastor of a Fort Worth Methodist church, when Methodists in this area met for an annual conference. The conference voted to inform the President of the situation, asking for adjustment.

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As the years grow more troubled and threatening,  
 Now that evil is raging unchecked,  
 And the hearts of men tremble and fail them  
 As the world's hopeful projects are wrecked,  
 The Lord, to His own watchful servants  
 Who praise Him while others are dumb,  
 Makes clear the signs of His coming,  
 To fill them with HOPE . . . "till He comes . . ."

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## + INTO ALL THE WORLD +

CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board — E. C. ROUTH, Editor, THE COMMISSION

A few days ago we heard Dr. M. T. Rankin say that no Scripture was read or quoted more frequently by Southern Baptist missionaries, while interned by the Japanese in Stanley prison, Hongkong, than the forty-sixth Psalm: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." This is a sure message of assurance in these days that try men's souls.

The Foreign Mission Board is deeply indebted to the state and sectional Baptist papers for their unfailing co-operation in promoting world-missions. Here is one illustration of many: The superintendent of the Calston Branch Sunday school in South Carolina wrote the editor of the Baptist Courier: "In response to a plea of Miss Margie Shumate to Dr. Maddry, published in the Baptist Courier, April 29, for him to get all the money he could for Chinese relief, where millions of Chinese are starving, we took up an offering at the close of our Sunday school and received \$38.36, which has been forwarded to Dr. Maddry."

No decision of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention was more heartily approved than that the Foreign Mission Board be asked to continue to represent Southern Baptists in making the appeal for World Emergency Relief.

Missionary H. W. Schweinsberg, our pioneer missionary to Colombia, writes of a high day at Barranquilla on a recent Sunday when eighteen people confessed Christ as Savior, fifteen believers were baptized, and the Sunday school, with a goal of 250 had an attendance of 290.

Secretary D. A. McCall of Mississippi tells in *The Baptist Record* of one of the Mississippi brethren who drove up to a country church where he counted, in the front, autos with a conservative valuation of \$64,000. In the rear he counted tombstones valued at \$6,000. Yet the pastor told him later that the church gave only \$2.74 for missions the preceding year.

Margie Shumate sends tragic stories of suffering in Kwangtung Province, China. One day a starving boy, without any home, was attracted by the kind face of a Christian woman. He stopped and asked, "Lady, do you want a boy to raise?" Later a place was found for him temporarily when he was sick and Miss Shumate writes: "Do you want a boy to

raise? If you want to raise this boy or some other who needs your love and help, please increase your gifts for relief work in China.

One of our faithful missionaries in China writes that already some of the church members have starved to death because the missionaries did not have the funds sufficient to keep them alive. That same missionary makes another statement that should convince every Baptist of the necessity of sending relief funds through our denominational agencies: "There is not the slightest hope that anyone else will undertake to meet our needs. Each of the other denominations has its own problems. If we do not care for our own, we are worse than unbelievers. The oldest inhabitants have never seen the like of this famine." One of the evangelists writes this same missionary that a fine Christian died of starvation, and in the family of one of the members three died within a month from hunger. We believe that Southern Baptists will open their hearts and their pocketbooks in response to such appeals. Mail relief funds to the Foreign Mission Board which is sending \$25,000 per month to China for relief. Not a dollar given for relief is used for current operations of the Board.

In the same mail comes a letter from another missionary, in that same section of China saying that many of the Christians are eating dirt and bark. Miss Kate Murray writes from Chenchow, Honan Province, "One used to hear of professional beggars, but now it is the well-to-do who also starve. A few days ago, the son of a deacon, well-to-do farmer, teacher came in. On inquiry, concerning his family, he said: 'I cut down an elm tree whose bark, mixed with dirt will give them food for two weeks.' His eyes filled with tears and lumps seemed to hang in my throat. Here's where we could use relief funds to the glory of God."

We saw in *The Christian Index* of Georgia, a sermon by a Georgia pastor on the theme, "Refusing Exemption." His text was Hebrews 11:35, "Others were tortured, refusing to accept release." Paul suffered from the thorn in the flesh, but that failed to abate his energies as an evangel of Christ. Adoniram Judson suffered in a Burmese prison, but he never gave up. He was tortured, refusing to accept release. So with David Livingstone in Africa. We have many missionaries in China and other mission fields who have the same spirit. We need to be reminded again and again of the words of Jesus: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Here's a letter from the Providence Baptist Church, Ordinary, Virginia, with a list of 127 names and an accompanying check for \$63.50. Pastor Jack V. Fesh writes, "We are putting THE COMMISSION into every church home. At our last church meeting

### B. S. U. COUNCIL OF MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE

The B. S. U. Council of Mississippi Southern College for the summer quarter has been organized with the following members:

President—Mary Kyle.

First vice president—Mary Dell Weatherford.

Second vice president—Joyce Moulder.

Third vice president—Louise Rogers.

Secretary—Nobie Ruth Warren.

Treasurer—Jewel Phillips.

Chorister—Buford McKenzie.

Pianist—Lurline Smith.

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Y. W. A. president—Nettie Laura Phillips.

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Soldier representative—Howard Martin.

Program chairman and director Y. W. A.—Alatha Chaney.

Librarian—Roselle Brister.

B. S. U. office secretary—Mary Dell Weatherford.

Representative First Baptist Church—Flois Thomas.

Representative Main Street Baptist Church—Laverne Hickman.

Representative 5th Avenue Baptist Church—Tom Mills.

Volunteer Bible class—Hazel Mason.

Life Service Band—Helen Wright.

Ministerial League—J. B. Stewart.

CAROLINE BROCK,

Publicity Chairman.

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**Daniel Baptist Church:** We were assisted by L. W. Ferrell in our revival. Brother Ferrell brought us some real gospel messages and the Lord honored them by saving the lost and strengthening the church. Frank Voight rendered fine service in directing the music. Miss Evelyn Thomas was pianist. Brother Voight closed his services with us on last night of the meeting. His work with us for a little more than a year was a great blessing to our work and formed a bond of love and fellowship, which will be long remembered.—J. S. Deaton, pastor.

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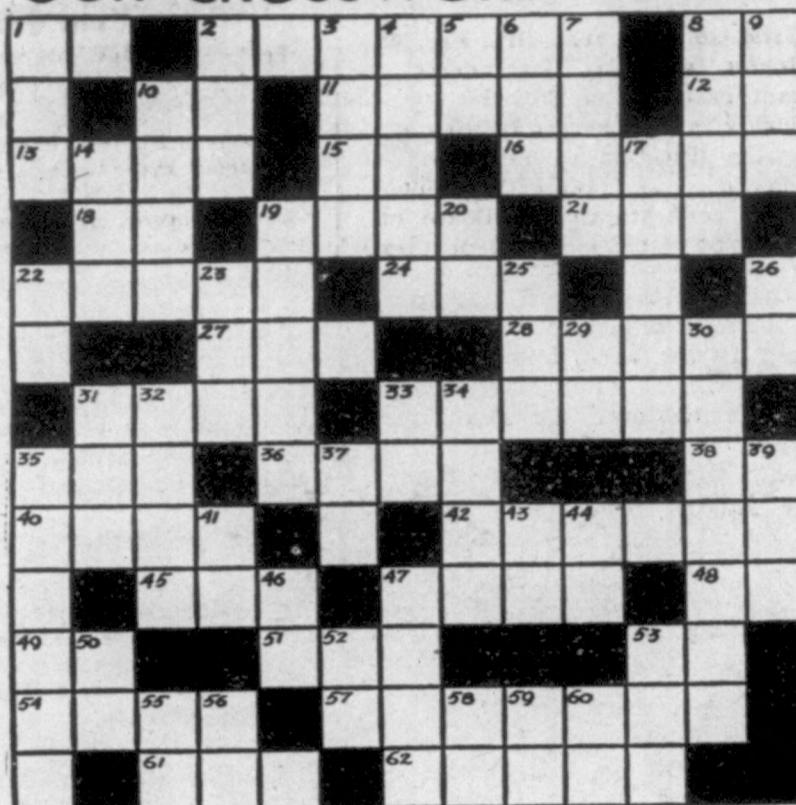
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## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



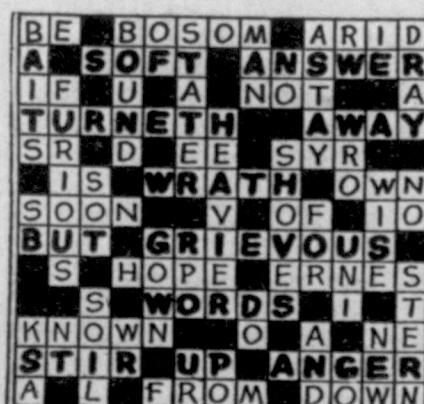
"And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him."—Ps. 37:40.

## TRUST

## Across

- "Trust . . . not in lying words," Jer. 7:4.
- " . . . are all they that put their trust in him," Ps. 2:12.
- Calcium.
- "Lord watch between . . . and thee," Gen. 31:49.
- "bread enough and to . . ." Luke 15:17.
- "I . . . God, even my God," Ps. 50:7.
- "I trust in . . ." Ps. 25:2.
- Topographical engineers.
- Networks of blood-vessels.
- "in thee . . . my trust," Ps. 141:8.
- "buckler to all them . . . trust," II Sam. 22:31.
- "the . . . that trusteth in him," Ps. 34:8.
- "keep him in perfect . . ." Isa. 26:3.
- Leguminous Hawaiian tree.
- Compass point.
- "Job arose, and . . . his mantle," Job 1:20 (pl.).
- "knoweth them . . . trust in him," Nah. 1:7.
- "Seek him that . . . the seven stars," Amos 5:8.
- Sheltered place.
- "my . . . trusteth in thee," Ps. 57:1.
- Royal observatory.
- Son of Enoch, Gen. 4:18.
- "put their trust under the . . . of thy wings," Ps. 36:7.
- "trust in . . . name of . . . Lord," Isa. 50:10.
- "O . . . God: thou art my trust," Ps. 71:5.
- Prefix signifying not.
- " . . . him will I trust," II Sam. 22:3.
- Also.
- Adjutant general.
- " . . . of them that trust in him shall be desolate," Ps. 34:22.
- "that . . . his trust in the Lord," Prov. 28:25.
- "under . . . wings shalt thou trust," Ps. 91:4.
- "and shall . . . in him," Ps. 64:10.

## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Chester M. Savage

## Called and Accepted

J. B. Flowers, Copeland Park, Newport News, Virginia.

A. H. Childress, Coffeyville, Miss. Dorvall Tabb, Rush Springs, Okla. Oscar Pigg, associate pastor, First, Tulsa, Okla.

C. A. Kincheloe, Hominy, Okla.

M. S. Barnette, McColl, S. C. Gordon Keller, Stockton Street, Richmond, Va.

R. M. Holmes, Geneva, Ala.

W. P. Young, North Edgefield, Nashville, Tenn.

Frank Thomas, Enochs, Tex.

Russell J. Clubb, Tyronza, Ark.

James H. Fitzgerald, Dumas, Ark.

A. H. Moore, Gentry, Ark.

R. Don Gambrell, Central, Winchester, Ky.

H. F. Steinbaugh, Vienna, La.

L. E. Holt, Highland Park, Texarkana, Texas.

W. L. Smith, Woodland Heights, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jordan W. Holland, Millen, Ga.

## Resigned

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A. H. Childress, Longview and Sturgis, Miss.

Joe R. Baker, Stillwell, Okla.

Oscar Pigg, Phoenix Ave., Tulsa, Okla.

O. A. Eure, Calvary, Greenwood, Miss.

M. C. Smith, Piedmont, S. C.

R. M. Holmes, Flomaton, Ala.

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W. P. Young, Farmington, Mo.

R. E. Hood, Piedmont, Ala.

R. J. Clubb, Piggott, Ark.

James H. Fitzgerald, Stamps, Ark. Vernon Yarborough, Greenwood, Ark.

R. Don Gambrell, Oneida, Ky.

L. E. Holt, Kilgore, Tex.

W. L. Smith, Rising Fawn, Ga.

J. E. Pearson, Bat Cave, Asheville, N. C.

Lynn Richardson, Neosho, Mo.

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## GOD SAYS HALT

## Prose Poem

By Chas. Thomas, Hattiesburg

Reflect, my Christian friends, and see, why war was waged on you and me: Our names are on church books and rolls, but God takes stock of human souls. He read our hearts and minds within, and found MUCH ENVY, GREED and SIN; with millions going all pell-mell, head-long toward a YAWNING HELL. . . COMMANDMENTS BROKEN, slain and slayed, and tithes and offerings GONE UNPAID—with desecrated Sabbath days, done BOLDLY in a thousand ways. . . Debauchery on every hand, in what we call a CHRISTIAN LAND—with marriage vows all blasted, yes, and orphaned children in distress. . . Church people grappling brothers' throats, in politics, to get MORE VOTES. . . All Golden Rules forgot, ignored, and so WE MET "THE MIGHTY SWORD."

God has a way to BRING US BACK onto the STRAIGHT AND NARROW TRACK. . . Chastisement may come months and years, while WE PAY BACK WITH SONS AND TEARS. . . I truly think it is OUR FAULT, and God HAS ORDERED US TO HALT!

—BR—

Give liberally through your church to the B. M. C. Endowment this month.



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In order to accept a position as city missionary in Baton Rouge under the Home Mission Board, A. E. Pardue has resigned as pastor at Magnolia. During his seven-year pastorate at Magnolia the church has made steady progress. The membership has grown steadily from 450 to 600. The general organizations have shown an equal growth. A piece of property has been purchased for \$5,000 cash. When war conditions permit, a building will be erected on it. At the present time they have more than \$2,000 in the bank waiting for war conditions to permit improvements.

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Our Vacation Bible School at Enterprise Baptist Church was conducted May 31-June 4. Mrs. Hardy Dear of our church was the principal and she was assisted by a splendid faculty from the church. There were 64 enrolled in the school with an average attendance of 53. The offering for the week was \$18.55 and was sent to Mr. Williams to be used in helping some other church have a school that could not have one otherwise. Each night during the week Mrs. H. H. Kamper taught us "What Baptists Believe" in a Sunday school study course. The course was splendidly attended and was inspiring to us all.—Sollie I. Smith, pastor.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for June 20, 1943  
JOHN DESCRIBES TRUE CHRISTIANS

**I John**

It is thought that John left Jerusalem about A. D. 67, perhaps soon after the death of Mary the mother of Jesus, and that he traveled westward through Asia Minor. After about two years' exile on Patmos, he settled at Ephesus, where he remained till his death, toward the close of the first century. These letters were evidently produced during his old age, and probably between 80 and 95. The first is addressed to the churches at large, the second and third to individuals. They emphasize the idea that while Peter founded and Paul propagated, it was John who completed the structure of the apostolic churches.

The first epistle of John is more like a treatise than an epistle, since it is without inscription, salutation, or benediction. It is, however, pastoral in its nature and was, doubtless, primarily designed for the churches in Asia Minor which were threatened with heresy, particularly the denial of the truth that God had been manifest in the flesh. The nature of the true faith and its confirmation are, therefore, emphasized. The epistle has been broadly outlined as containing, in the first two chapters, the truth that God is light, and in the remaining three that God is love.

**Lesson Text and Outline**

- I John 2:1-6; 3:13-18; 4:15-17
- I. Atonement (I John 2).
- II. Brotherhood (I John 3).
- III. Godliness (I John 4).

**Notes Analytical and Expository**

1. Christ is Saviour. In John's message of atonement we note: (1) **Propitiation by Christ**. The aged pastor with the affection of a spiritual father calls his readers his little children. He sets before them the ideal—"that ye may not sin" (ASV). But he does not forget the reality—"if any man sin." Immediately, therefore, he proceeds to comfort the conscience-whipped, sinning Christian by declaring that "we have an advocate with the Father." That Advocate is Jesus the Son of God who was sinlessly righteous and therefore an acceptable pleader at the Court of Holiness, and his plea is based on the unfailing efficacy of His atoning sacrifice on Calvary which completely

satisfies divine justice and thus averts the sentence of deserved condemnation. Nor is the propitiation for our sins alone, but for the sins of the whole world. That is, He is sufficient only with those who comply with gospel requirements. (2) **Obedience to Christ**. John speaks of obedience first as revelation, giving positive assurance of an intimate and essential knowledge of Jesus. In order to know that we know Him, we must keep His commandments. Again, he speaks of obedience as a test, for infallibility it draws the line of demarcation between the true and the false. The man who professes to know Christ and yet disobeys Him can but be a liar without the semblance of truth in him. Finally, the apostle writes of obedience as a discipline. It insures not merely the avoidance and elimination of sin, but also high attainment in the Christian life. Obedience flowers in perfected love, and perfected love fruits in loving obedience. Thus we have a clear realization of our union with Him insuring success on earth and salvation in heaven. (3) **Imitation of Christ**.

In our obedience we imitate Christ as well as obey Him. As we abide in Him which is our exalted privilege, we must walk even as He walked which is our imperative duty. Then our deeds will be consistent with our words, our labors will be fruitful, and our lives will be crowned with a happy hereafter.

2. Believers are brethren. In John's message of brotherhood we note: (1) **Love Identifies**. It is the outstanding mark of the Christian. Hate fills and features the work which includes the good in the torrent of its rage and fury. Faith marks the believer who has passed from death unto life. Fellowship binds all believers together in the ties of a love which proves their regeneration. Brotherhood makes a martyr rather than a murderer. Human life is sacred in the eyes of God and man. Therefore—thou shalt not kill by sudden stroke or slow stages. Hate is the germ and source of murder. Therefore—thou shalt not hate! Revenge is often the first step to the killing of a fellow man. Therefore—thou shalt not retaliate! Love is the only counteractant of hate and corrective of revenge and murder. Therefore—love God supremely and love thy neighbor as thyself!

(2) **Love inspires**. This is seen and shown supremely in Jesus, the divine pattern of love. It was love that brought Him from heaven to earth and to give His life a ransom for many. No other motive could inspire this highest act of God. From no other fountain could flow such streams of mercy to man. Think of God in helpless infancy at Bethlehem; under ferocious attack in the wilderness; striving continually with dull disciples and fanatical foes; dying horribly at last under a tempest of human hate; and pitifully laid away in a borrowed tomb. Such a life and such a death can but unveil love in its perfection before our eyes. "Hereby know we love!" (ASV). (3) **Love Must Be Expressed**. This is a fundamental duty of every Christian. And love must be expressed not with words alone which may be as formal as they are finished and as empty as they are equivocating; not with talk which may be idle chatter with the metallic ring of the clanging cymbal; but in deeds which are loaded with love, and in a sincerity which sparkles

### TO THE BAPTISTS OF SOUTHWEST MISSISSIPPI

By the time you read this, Bro. W. E. Greene will have surrendered a pleasant pastorate at Ellisville, Miss., to do work in your section of the state under the direction of our Convention Board. I am taking this opportunity to congratulate the Board on his selection and to commend him most heartily to all the Baptists of the section he is to serve. It has been my privilege to know and be associated with Brother Greene for several years and I judge him to be efficient, energetic, devoted and adaptable.

His background in study and experience well fit him for the work he is expected to do. His energy will lead him to "Do with his might what his hands find to do." His devotion to the Master's cause will lead readily into any sacrifice for the promotion of His interests. His adaptability will make him equally at home on the frontier or in the foremost church.

He is intensely evangelistic and his evangelism looks to the salvation of the soul, the development of the Christian life and to enrichment through co-operation in the local church and in the denominational program.

He is a good man for a gloriously hard task. I trust you will receive

in the eye and shines in the countenance and radiates from the whole personality.

3. "God is Love." In John's message of godliness we note: (1) **Love Indwells**. Under impulse of love and of the Spirit we see and say that God has sent His Son to be our Saviour and that Jesus is the Son of God. Thus we have actual association with God. Realizing the fact of the divine love and that God is love, we find that to live the life of love we must live in God and He in us. (2) **Love Empowers**. This is the finest development in the perfection of love. If God dwells with and within us, we have a threefold power: The power of **attainment**, for love thus reaches its perfection in us; the power of **confidence**, for thus we have boldness in the day of judgment; and the power of **conquest** (v. 18), for complete love expels fear with all its shrinking from penalty.

**Gold in the Golden Text**

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. I John 1:7.

Walk in the light. Darkness is deceptive, deluding, destructive; in it sympathetic and helpful association is impossible. There must be light, openness, confidence. Christ is our example and comrade; He is in the light—indeed, He is the light of the world.

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### Answers To Know Your Bible

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**ANSWERS TO KNOW YOUR**

1. (Two different characters): Righteous man, see Genesis 4:4, and unrighteous man, Genesis 4:3-8.

2. (God moves in mysterious way, etc.): Based on verses from Romans 2:33-34.

3. (Epicureans): In Bible times they were thinkers of profound good, setting up high ethical standards. Today, Webster describes them as "luxurious, devoted to the pleasures of the table; voluptuary; gourmand; epicure."

4. (King of Israel, etc.): King Joash (784 B. C.) was told by Elisha to shoot an arrow, the flight of which to be symbolic of Israel's deliverance. Having complied, Elisha told Joash to strike the ground with his remaining three arrows, thus prophesying that he would have three victories over the Syrians. For confirmation of these prophecies, read II Kings 13:11-14:1-19-25.

him in full confidence, give him plenty work to do and then give him your prayers, sympathy, encouragement and co-operation as he gives himself to the work assigned.

Praying God's blessing on his labors, I am

Yours in Christ,  
**BRYAN SIMMONS.**  
—BR—

**Washington, June 11**—Following visits to training centers of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, representatives of nine religious denominations today issued a joint statement to the nation in which they declared: "We feel that parents concerned about the moral and spiritual welfare of their daughters can be reassured. We found careful provision for their housing, health and recreation. Their program of training includes educational, professional, cultural and religious pursuits. Particularly noteworthy is the intelligence and care being given to nurture their spiritual life. This is provided through the chaplaincy (of the army) and through contact with civilian church life."

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**THE AMAZING GULF COAST COUNTRY**

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smaller than the combined area of Tennessee and Kentucky (82,069 square miles).

The division of the Gulf Coast country between the five states was found to be as follows:

States, Associations, counties, area (square miles), and population:

Florida	16	33	26,389	980,101
Alabama	2	2	2,821	184,298
Mississippi	2	3	1,749	82,628
Louisiana	4	16	12,218	952,466
Texas	7	33	30,803	1,467,951
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>73,980</b>	<b>3,667,444</b>

**Unbelievable Developments of Gulf Coast Country**

But more amazing than its size are the vast and varied developments going on in the Gulf Coast country. No section of the Southland, perhaps no section of the nation, has undergone such a radical and wholesale transformation as has this Gulf Coast country during the past twenty years. And we are not here referring to the very recent developments brought about by the war. Rather, we are thinking of the three great lines of development which have been under way in the Gulf Coast country for the past twenty years—(1) the great tidal wave of American people sweeping into this section to make their homes here; (2) the transformation of a large portion of the Gulf Coast country into a vast winter resort and playground for the nation; and (3) the coming of a prodigious and unbelievable industrial empire to this formerly undeveloped and neglected section of the Southland.

These 87 counties in the five states which border upon the Gulf of Mexico, for example, have opened their doors to 1,525,876 permanent new settlers within the past twenty years—not to speak of the millions of visitors who came for the marvelous winter climate and returned. And nine-tenths of all the new settlers coming to the Gulf Coast country have been the English speaking white Americans. Thus, for the first time in its history, the racial aspect of the Gulf Coast country has been decidedly changed and the foreign speaking peoples and the Negroes have given place to American whites.

And the millions of dollars which have been invested in resorts and playgrounds throughout this great section, transforming vast areas of it into a veritable fairyland or a fisherman's paradise, has only been outdone by the great and growing tide of gigantic industries which have pushed their way into this new section and begun their unbelievable developments. If these two amazing developments go on, hand in hand, for another twenty years, the Gulf Coast country will become not only the most beautiful section of this nation, but the new industrial center of our greater America.

**Great Religious Opportunities of Gulf Coast Country**

It remains to say that the Gulf Coast country has already become one of the greatest religious opportunities of America and one of the most opportune Baptist mission fields in the world.

Formerly this whole Gulf Coast country belonged to Roman Catholics. And even in 1920, there were

**WHICH WAY, AMERICA?**

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world, I found a new mission field.... It is called Christian, but over half her people make no religious profession whatsoever. It is not Asia, yet Hindu temples are here and there, while Buddhist missionaries are active in it. It is not Mexico, yet it contains the second largest Mexican city. It is not Palestine, yet there are more Jews in its largest city than there were Jews in Palestine when Jesus lived there. It is not France, yet forms of atheism and infidelity are taught in many of her schools of learning. It is not Germany, yet German philosophy and liberal thought have colored the teachings of her universities. It is not Russia, yet it is becoming a fertile field for communism, and other forces antagonistic to Christianity. Even Rome, in the days of the early church was hardly more pagan than its leading city, where only 2% of its seven millions of people are enrolled in her Sunday schools, or attend her Protestant churches.

The people of this mission field consumed last year more than fifty million barrels of beer, at a cost in dollars alone, half as much as they spent on food, clothing and shelter. Last year, there were one and a half million major crimes, such as murder, manslaughter, robbery, and assault, while its forgeries, embezzlements and so-called minor offences, totalled fourteen million more.... Its criminals are three times its college students, its lawbreakers outnumber its school teachers four to one....

America is the mission field to which I refer! Do you say "There is really nothing very serious wrong with America"? Nothing wrong when the United States has twice as many saloons as before prohibition? Drunkenness has increased from 55% to 1100%. Nothing wrong, when there are more women barmaids and entertainers where liquor is sold than women students in our colleges? When the liquor interests are spending twenty-five millions a year to make drinkers, and drunkards, out of our boys and girls? When our supposedly better women, with nicotine on their breath, make a mock of temperance, while their adolescent daughters swear, smoke and drink, many of them throwing their virtue to the winds?

**Crime and Movies**

Nothing much wrong, when J. Ed-

only 79,110 white Baptists in the 2,141,568 people who inhabited the 87 counties of this great section. But all of this has been gloriously changed during the past twenty years. For, while the Negro Baptists in this great Gulf Coast section have grown from 175,000 to 250,000 or more—some claims place the numbers at 300,000—the white Baptists have stepped up from 829 churches and 79,110 church members to 869 churches and 246,962 church members! So that today the 500,000 to 550,000 Baptists, white and colored, in the Gulf Coast country have one church member to every seven persons in the population of this erstwhile Roman Catholic territory! And if we have faith to go on for another twenty years as we have done in the past, we shall have a million white Baptists and million colored Baptists in the Gulf Coast Country by 1960!

gar Hoover tells us there is a murder committed every forty minutes, a robbery every ten, a burglary every two, with over four million criminals at large in this country and the cost of crime reaching fifteen billions in a single year? Nothing much wrong, when the moving picture industry continues to glorify crime, giving prominence to vice, murder, rape, adultery, lust, divorce and every conceivable form of criminality? The very backward (as we think) governments of China and Turkey forbid their children to see American moving pictures, while Canada and Australia barred entirely one hundred and fifty pictures in the last few years that were shown all over the United States.

Nothing wrong when the divorce rate continues to increase, from one in twenty-three marriages at the close of the Civil War to one in six in 1928, and now one in five, while the idols of American youth, the stars of Hollywood continue to drag our ideals of Christian marriage through the mire with their multiple divorces and re-marriages, nothing less than "legalized adultery"? Nothing wrong when persistent efforts on the part of commercialized amusements seek to break down all regard for the Lord's Day, and multiplied thousands of our church members to join in the clamor for a liberal Sunday, and do all in their power to turn God's holy day into a mere holiday?....

America has forgotten the Rock whence we were hewn.... The inscrutable will of God whence we were hewn as a nation.... If the hand of God can be seen in the affairs of the Jewish nation, surely we can see God's dealing with our own nation from its beginning to the present hour. We say God's hand led the tiny caravan across the desert in the long ago, bearing Abram to the land of promise. Just as truly did the hand of God guide that caravan of little ships sailing westward into the unknown, bearing Columbus to this new world. We say God's hand guided Moses... just as truly did He guide Washington... into the liberties of our great democracy.

**Obedience Necessary to Favor**

God promised to Israel His favor if Israel did but serve and obey. God wondrously kept His promise.... The worship of Jehovah was placed at the nation's center....

So it has been with America. As the pioneers swept westward, westward went the saddle-bag preachers, and at every crossroad they left a church, its spire pointing heavenward, and its open Bible calling men to God. But Israel forgot! Have we forgotten? Even we who name the name of Christ have forgotten. We forget the price of our redemption, what it cost the Son of God to make atonement for our sins. Once our sins caused us to weep; now not even His sufferings move us.... His death in our stead, we have forgotten! We forget the heritage of our redemption. Joint-heirs with Christ we live like spiritual paupers. Destined to live forever in the heaven of God, we make no preparations for that abode.... We forget the obligations of our redemption. We forget that we are "bought with a price," we are "no longer our own," we are "stewards of God," and must some day "render an account." We remember we are saved by what Christ has done for us; but we forget we are some day to be re-

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America needs to return to God. I believe America will return to God, when, like the prodigal, America comes to herself.... Although the war has given the people pause, there is, as yet, no turning in penitence on the part of the masses to the God of our fathers. A decade ago we were in the trough of a great depression. Many prophesied that the depression would bring to pass a spiritual awakening. Ten years have passed and no great awakening has been in evidence. But to lose one's sons is far worse than to lose one's wealth. There are sober days ahead, and we may yet say as a nation, "I will arise and go to my father."

When America does that, it is safe to prophesy that her churches will be crowded again. God's name and God's day will be reverenced, His moral laws once again become the standard, our homes will be founded on the bed-rock of religious faith and the marriage vows will be held sacred. Then will the women of the land be arrayed in modesty, their daughters clad in virtue, our sons will be sober and industrious. Then shall we sing with new spirit "America the Beautiful" and our fair land will take her God-intended place of moral and spiritual leadership among the nations of the world....

What can you and I do to make America great in the eyes of God? It is natural for the individual to feel his weakness when great issues confront the nation. He is but one among many millions.... What can the private soldier do in the ranks? He is but one. What is one in a one million army or a five million army? Yet every lad in the uniform of our country today is there because the individual is of importance.... So it is with the Christian. You can enlist in the army of righteousness, you can dedicate your powers to the cause of righteousness, you can be found in every issue fighting on the side of God. To the extent that you, the individual, are true to your duty, to that extent will America return to God.... —Walter R. Alexander, associate secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, S. B. C.

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